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WHY GET WET?  
  
IT'S CHEAPER TO OWN  
A MINX!  
SEE—  
GILMAN'S—the car  
people

Monday  
APRIL  
22

MAKE a note of  
Monday, April 22.

On that day, the  
"Hongkong Tele-  
graph" will begin  
EXCLUSIVE publica-  
tion of the biggest  
newspaper "scoop" of  
the war—Sir Neville  
Henderson's full story  
of his two years as  
British Ambassador  
in Berlin.

Sir Neville probably  
knows more than any  
other man in the world  
about the secret history  
of the days when Hitler  
and his lieutenants were  
preparing Germany for  
the conquest of the world.  
He met all the Nazi leaders  
—saw them plotting together,  
and against each other.

HIS PUNGENT CRITICISMS OF THEIR  
CHARACTERS WILL  
FORM SOME OF THE  
MOST STRIKING PAS-  
SAGES OF HIS NARRA-  
TIVE.

SIR Neville was present at  
the three meetings between  
Chamberlain and Hitler, when  
the fate of Europe was in the  
balance.

He was the bearer of the  
British Government's many per-  
sonal messages to Hitler.

He received all the Fuehrer's  
startling replies.  
And now he is going to reveal  
in full to the people the untold  
story of those momentous days.

Breaking the traditional re-  
serve of his calling, he will tell  
the whole truth about the  
origins of the war.

MAKE A NOTE OF THE DAY  
WHEN HIS SERIES BEGINS—  
MONDAY, APRIL 22.

Be assured that you will not  
miss the most important and  
gripping story of the war. It  
will be exclusively published in  
the "Hongkong Telegraph."

## More Communists Rounded Up

PARIS, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—A fresh  
Police round-up of Communists has  
resulted in the arrest of 58 men and  
women in Paris, Rouen, Houlon and  
Orleans.

Large printing presses were seized.  
Fifteen men and 13 women were  
surprised at a secret meeting in Paris.

## BATTLE OF WITS IN SHANGHAI CONTINUES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, April 16, (UP).—The battle of wits for the  
mastery of the Shanghai Municipal Council entered another  
round this morning, when it was discovered that an old rule is  
still legally existent whereby rate-payers may demand a general  
poll instead of a "show of hands" at the annual meeting of the  
ratepayers.

This discovery has greatly hearten-  
ed the "Anglo-Saxon Bloc," which  
feared that the Japanese by sheer  
weight of numbers, would be able to  
swamp the meeting.

Previously, annual meetings of  
rate-payers have been conducted  
on the principal of "show of hands,"  
with each individual obtaining a  
single vote.

## NAZI ENDEAVOUR TO CUT NORWAY IN TWO SHOWN

LONDON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—The Germans  
advancing from Trondheim appear to be trying to cut  
Norway in two, according to the Finnish Wireless.

They are reported to-night to be a few miles from  
Storlien on the Swedish frontier.

The Norwegians, however, are stated to be still  
holding the fortress of Hegre, east of Trondheim.

60,000 Troops Landed  
STOCKHOLM, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—  
The total number of German troops  
in Norway is estimated at 60,000,  
according to a report from the  
frontier, quoting "trustworthy  
sources."

Elverum Holding Out  
STOCKHOLM, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—  
The German column which thrust  
northward in the early hours of the  
invasion to intercept King Haakon  
and the Norwegian Government is  
still vainly attacking Elverum.

According to a dispatch from the  
Swedish frontier, Norwegian troops  
in the Elverum region are strongly  
placed on the bridges over the River  
Gloanna.

Heavy snowfalls are impeding the  
German motorised units and, follow-  
ing the example of the Finns, Nor-  
wegian suicide patrols of ski-ers are  
harassing the Germans and cutting  
their communications, while the  
civil population is assisting by hiding  
food supplies.

Decisive Battle Expected  
Following the Norwegian with-  
drawal from Kongsvinger from  
which, according to the newspaper  
"Aftenbladet," the last Norwegian  
troops departed this morning, a de-  
cisive battle is expected shortly for  
possession of Elverum and Hamar.

In the extreme south-east, the  
Germans are reported to have oc-  
cupied the whole of Ostfold Pro-  
vince, and Norwegian troops are  
either crossing the Swedish frontier  
or are going north in an effort to  
contact the Norwegians holding the  
eastern defence line.

## Luxembourg's New Fears

BRUSSELS, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—  
According to reports from Namur,  
many inhabitants of Luxembourg fear  
that an attack may be directed against  
Namur.

It is reported that the Germans  
have put out 21 long pontoons in the  
Moselle and a large number of  
German "tourists" have recently  
entered Luxembourg.

## German Military Mission To Italy

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
ROME, Apr. 16 (UP).—A German  
Military Mission arrived here to-day  
and was welcomed by high Italian  
military officials.

## MAN CHASING A TIGER

(N.B.—The Tiger Has  
Gained A Lap)

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, April 16 (UP).—  
The old cartoon showing a  
man chasing a tiger with  
the tiger close on his heels  
(the tiger has gained a lap!)  
is brought to mind by the  
latest DNB report from the  
Narvik area.

"German troops, pushing  
inland from Narvik, have  
reached the Swedish bor-  
der," says the DNB report.  
"Norwegian troops were  
driven across the frontier."

DNB does not mention that  
the Germans themselves are  
close pressed and, unless  
speedy help arrives, will  
have no option but to cross  
the frontier and be interned  
by Sweden.

## FIGHTING SPEECH BY PREMIER

"This Mad Dog Must Be  
Destroyed"

LONDON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—

When speaking to the National  
Free Church Council here to-day,  
Mr. Neville Chamberlain said:

"Since this latest outrage of  
those monsters of wickedness in  
Germany who seem to have shut  
the gates of mercy upon man-  
kind all my thoughts have been  
occupied with a view to counter  
that stroke."

"It is becoming clearer every day  
that our fight against Nazism is just  
part of an eternal war between right  
and wrong."

"Every day that passes gives some  
new demonstration of Germany's  
utter disregard of religion, mercy,  
truth and justice."

Ton Times As Confident

"If the Germans were to triumph  
in what they are doing, then every  
fortress that has been built by civil-  
isation upon the principles of Chris-  
tianity would go down, and the world  
would relapse into that barbarism  
which only a little time ago we  
thought had been buried under cen-  
turies of progress."

"They will not go down. Only a  
short time ago, I declared that I felt  
ten times as confident as at the begin-  
ning of the war of the ultimate  
victory."

"I repeat that confidence now."  
"Every victim that has felt the  
weight of Germany's savagery adds  
millions to those who have already  
condemned her because every act of  
hers makes it even more unmis-  
takably clear that no people, however  
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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Apr. 16 (UP).—"The Allies have won  
a smashing victory in Norway and have really  
mutilated the German Fleet," the French Premier  
announced in the Senate to-day.

He added that the Allied seizure of Narvik was  
"an immense moral and personal defeat for Hitler."

"In the past week Germany has lost 30 per cent. of  
her ships of the line and has had damaged 20 per cent. of  
her cruiser strength," M. Reynaud declared.

"Also 25 per cent. of her destroyers have been sunk  
and 15 per cent. of her destroyers are damaged. In  
addition she has lost 78,000 tons of merchant shipping,  
either sunk, scuttled or captured."

HITLER'S GREAT MISTAKE

"As a result of the occupation of Narvik, the Ger-

man's iron ore route has  
been cut.

"Hitler was mistaken when he  
believed that a small neutral  
power would not resist. He  
took the King of Norway to be  
another Hacha."

The Senate held a 20 minute  
secret session before they ad-  
journed.

Irreparable Mutilation  
PARIS, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—"After  
eight days of fighting, the first result  
is a massive, irreparable mutilation of  
the German fleet," declared M. Paul  
Reynaud, the French Premier, speak-  
ing to-day in the Senate.

"His losses amount to 30 per cent.  
of its heavy tonnage damaged, 20 per  
cent. of its cruisers sunk, 25 per cent.  
of its destroyers sunk and 15 per cent.  
of its destroyers damaged without  
counting several U-boats sunk."

"The second result is that 78,000  
tons of German merchant shipping  
was sunk or captured during the  
same period."

M. Reynaud added that the loss of  
Allied merchant shipping in the same  
period was nil.

"The third result," he went on, "is  
that the iron ore route to Germany  
has been cut."

Enormous Setback

"The fourth is the enormous set-  
back for Germany and a defeat not  
only for her navy but also for her  
propaganda."

After a moving reference to King  
Haakon who, M. Reynaud declared,  
refused to be another Professor  
Hacha (of Czechoslovakia), M. Rey-  
naud said that Allied troops had dis-  
embarked and added that "more  
troops were on the way."

Following M. Reynaud's speech, the  
Senate adjourned after agreeing to go  
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## Remarkable Achievement

B.E.F. Landings: Tribute  
To British Ingenuity

LONDON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—

Some details in regard to the  
remarkable exploits in the equip-  
ment of the British Expeditionary  
Force for Norway are now  
available.

It is pointed out that on the German  
side the invasion of Norway was  
worked out to the last detail during  
a period which must have lasted  
several months.

The British Command, however,  
had to make plans and take action at  
very short notice.

It had to decide for example where  
landings should be effected and how  
they were to be carried out, whether  
at a quayside or on sandy beaches.

Only Meagre Information

All the details had to be concluded  
on very meagre information and  
decided upon in outline before the  
British Expedition could start and be-  
fore even the size and character of  
the troops required could be settled.

One point which the British Com-  
mand had to consider was the type of  
equipment required in view of the  
fact that some ships will be operating  
in the Arctic Circle.

The troops themselves were  
equipped with sheepskin coats, seal-  
skin caps and blankets.  
Another minor point to be consid-  
ered was the type of food which  
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## BRILLIANT R.A.F. RAIDS ON NAZI BASE IN NORWAY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, APRIL 16 (UP).—IN THE SEVENTH  
RAID IN SIX DAYS ON THE NEW NAZI AIR BASE  
OUTSIDE STAVANGER, WAVES OF ROYAL AIR  
FORCE BOMBERS TO-DAY DROPPED HUNDREDS  
OF HIGH EXPLOSIVE AND INCENDIARY BOMBS  
ON THE AIRDROME IN BRIGHT MOONLIGHT  
WEATHER WHICH CONTRASTED WITH THE  
SNOWSTORMS AND RAIN SQUALLS WHICH AC-  
COMPANIED THE PREVIOUS RAIDS.

To-night's raid lasted for  
some hours.

As the British machines  
turned from home, the rear  
gunners had magnificent  
views of two large fires  
caused by the burning  
hangars and grounded Nazi  
machines.

In addition to firing the  
German planes, the British  
airmen pitted the runways  
with craters.

Among the buildings fired by  
incendiary bombs was the air-  
drome control tower.

All the British machines returned  
safely to their bases, despite the ring  
of steel from anti-aircraft guns which  
rose above Stavanger.

The DNB (Official German News  
Agency) refers to the latest British  
raid as "another attack on the open  
city of Stavanger," a report which  
any person who has visited Stavanger  
will dispute, since the airport is well  
away from any inhabited area.

The DNB report adds that "several  
private homes were hit and a number  
of Norwegian civilians killed."

Referring to the British claim that  
several grounded Nazi planes had  
been destroyed, DNB says that "one  
bomb fell on the edge of the airport  
and hit two old type Norwegian  
planes, which were set afire."

"Beyond several hits on the landing  
field which can be immediately  
smoothed out, there was no particular  
damage," DNB claims.

Brilliant Work

LONDON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—  
Additional details of the raid on  
Stavanger show the aerodrome was  
subjected to intensive air attacks  
for over an hour.

Aircraft arriving on the scene after  
the raid had begun were able to  
identify their target when many  
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LATEST

Full Winter In North

In the far north mountains it is  
still full winter. Even around Oslo  
and the south, the woods are full of  
melting snow.

Norwegian troops will have the  
advantage in the campaign, for they  
are certainly tough and seasoned.  
Their idea of a pleasant week-end is  
to go out hunting in the forests and  
sleep out in the hills and snow.

All Seasoned Troops

LONDON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—It is  
understood that the B.E.F. in Nor-  
way includes regiments from all parts  
of the British Isles.

All are well-seasoned troops.

Aid For War-Torn  
Countries

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Apr. 16 (UP).—  
The House Foreign Affairs Com-  
mittee to-day approved a plan to  
spend \$15,000,000 for the aid of war-  
torn countries.

The fund was originally designed  
to help Poland, but was expanded to  
include "similarly affected areas,"  
which Rep. Sol Bloom said would  
permit it being used in China or  
Norway.

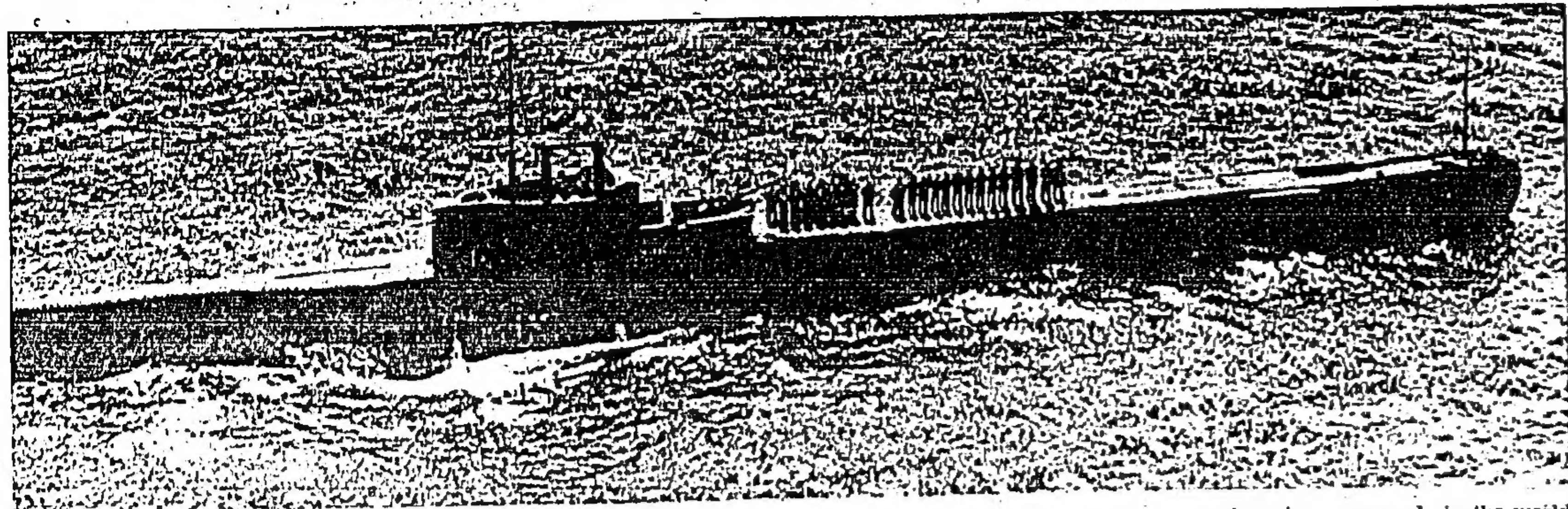
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Further Late News







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**BRITISH** submarines challenge the enemy in her own waters. Some do not come back.

Honour the men who go under the sea. Until the Norwegian invasion there has been little talk in this war of British submarines. They are the most silent ships of the "Silent Service"—known among men of the Royal Navy as "the trade." In the last war they were rarely mentioned in official Press reports.

The service has been dubbed "the Trade" since the early days when smart crews of surface ships chose this name to describe the gallant men in grease-stained overalls and grimy cheeks who manned these "crazy" submersibles. The name—now glowing with a tradition of honour—remains.

But there is still reticence in naval circles when British submarines are spoken of.

ADMIRAL S. S. Hall, who commanded the service for the greater part of the last war,

## The men who go under the sea

gives what is probably the best explanation. He says in a preface of William Guy Carr's book "By Guess and By God":

"For the period of the Great War (1914-18) and for some years after the very word 'submarine' was repugnant to us. Think of it! With the largest armada the world has ever seen at anchor in Scapa, with an auxiliary patrol of some 4000 vessels specially equipped for anti-submarine patrols, and with the assistance of the whole of the world's navies excepting those of Germany and Austria, we steadily lost 130 vessels per month from enemy submarine action. In the active period of submarine warfare the average sinkings were six per diem."

That was the view of the man who was in charge of all British submarines expressed 12 years after the Great War had ended. HIS bitterness would not find the same cause in the war against Nazism to-day but the hurt and injury to the men of his service still endures. Not one enemy or neutral civilian lost a life in the last war—nor so far in this war—as a result of hostile action by a British submarine.

submarine commands in the world. From the Thames class of 1800 tons with a surface speed of 22 knots down to the 1918-built "H" class of a little over 400 tons with a cruising speed of 14 knots, there are over 70 vessels commissioned in "the Trade."

The British submarines have two main activities. (1) They accompany the fleet—that is large capital ships on reconnaissance or in action; (2) they explore enemy waters on patrol searching out and attacking enemy surface ships, a task as dangerous as any in the world.

THE submarine is a creature of stealth, foremost in the line of fighting ships, always alone. Small bands of men steadfast and courageous, must have unswerving loyalty and trust in their commander on whom alone the success and safety of the ship depends.

The British submarine is the only ship of the Royal Navy which cannot sail proudly under her own colours in home waters in time of war.

I spent some hours recently aboard a destroyer at work in the English Channel on the Dover Patrol.

"We can't let a submarine move in our waters without a destroyer escort," an officer confided to me. "They would be attacked at once without challenge if there was not a surface vessel accompanying to give the recognition signal. A lone submarine to us is just another U-boat to be exterminated as quickly as possible."

"The Trade," he added after a pause, "is a tricky business. Furthermore, the Navy know that it isn't only gunfire and depth charges that deal death to the men of the submarine service. The Poeloiden, the M-2, the Thetis, all bear witness to the lurking danger of a service that takes its toll of life in peace-time as well as in war. But glory they have earned, and possess, though it is little known."

THE exploits of British submarines in the Dardanelles and the Sea of Marmora are famous to-day even if years passed before the gallant tales could be told.

Men such as Holbrook, Boyle, Nalmsmith, took her ships and stout-hearted crews through the treacherous minefields of the Straits in the first few months of the last war to cripple Turkish naval and contraband traffic. Each commander received the Victoria Cross and decorations were distributed among most of the crews.

To-day the submarines of the Royal Navy are back once more at action stations. They are gloriously carrying the tradition of "The Trade."

## SHORT SHORT STORY

### THE MAN WHO SIDE-TRACKED HIS BRAIN

"I KNEW a case," said the financier, "of a man with the most brilliant brains, who had finance at his finger tips."

"He was a man called Smogues, utterly unknown of course. And I say 'of course,' because he never used his brains; or rather I should say he never made any use of them, which can be quite a different thing. He just side-tracked them, ran them down a siding that led nowhere; and he might have been as big a financier as any of us."

"Do you know what he did? Sit down and I'll tell you. He went and played chess. All the intellect that might have controlled, well, more than I can tell you, he wasted over a chessboard."

"It came gradually at first; he used to play chess with a man during the luncheon hour, when he and I both worked for the same firm. And after a while he began to beat the fellow, which he never could do at first."

"Then, he joined a chess club, and some kind of fascination seemed to come over him; something like drink, or more likely poetry or music; but, as I was never addicted to any of the three, I can't say. Anyway, he completely got hold of him and he began to lose interest in things."

"He became a good player, there was no doubt of that, and he won a good many prizes. And the value of all the prizes he won in his life would have added up to about a hundred dollars. I've made a thousand times as much in an hour. And more than once. But that is all he ever got out of playing chess."

"Why! That man could have handled millions. He did dabble a bit in finance, as I dabbled a bit in chess; in fact we started together in the same firm, as I told

you; but we both left our dabbings and went our different ways. "And his way led nowhere. He could have done it though; he could have been a financier. They say it's no harder than chess, though chess leads to nothing. "Well," said the warder, "I can't sit listening to you all day, but I see your point and I agree with it. There are men like that. It's a pity, but there are men just like it."

He looked the financier up for the night, and hurried back to his work.

THE END

## INANITY FARE



Cable Even if he was able Wouldn't bombard Lombard

## GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Two armed bandits broke in here and escaped without buying a thing!"

WHILE the great war rages, another ruthless war goes on at home. I mean the endless, desperate struggle to keep up with the neighbours.

The casualties are fearful, and ought to be a warning to the rest of us.

I DON'T know how modern the vice of living beyond one's means may be, but I do know that it has been going on as long as remember. And I know people who were doing it before I was born, and still are.

Most of them are extremely respectable. You would never think, looking at their curtained windows and their whitened doorsteps, that a pair of maiden sisters of my acquaintance were starving

themselves in order to keep up appearances.

For years they starved a maid, too, but she escaped in time to save her life, and now the old ladies do their own housework with the blinds down, and complain bitterly of the servant problem, which they regard as the curse of the modern age.

Their tragedy is that they do not really keep up appearances. All they keep up is a pretence so transparent that their neighbours know all about them.

But far from looking down on them, the neighbours admire them for the brave show they make. After all, they do not let the neighbourhood down by getting into the police courts.

The difference between such people as these and clerks who swindle their employers in order to keep up appearances is that the old

ladies are still trying to keep in the class they were born in, while the clerks are struggling to climb into a class above their own.

PASSING from one class to another is a full-time job. Nobody can do it and attend to business, too. It is much easier to become rich than to ape the rich successfully.

If I had a son I should say to him: "If you want to live as rich men do, the first thing to do is to make money. For God's sake don't try to do it until you have the wherewithal to get away with it. If you do try you will be found out sooner or later, and your fate will be dreadful."

He might argue: "But why

shouldn't I have a motor-car, cocktails, and cigars?"

I should reply: "Nothing would please me more than to ride in my son's elegant limousine, smoking his cigars. If I could distribute the products of this earth, everybody would have motor-cars, cocktails, cigars, and everything they wanted in that line."

"There is surely no harm in wanting these things and trying to get them."

"Ambition is a good thing, and so is contentment. I do not care which of the two you choose, but you can't have both."

"I think on the whole that contentment is preferable. Contented people cause other people little trouble, and have a pretty good time themselves. But ambitious people suffer terribly and often cause others to suffer."

## Scandinavia Is In The News

### POPULATION

Strictly speaking, there are 13,014,000 Scandinavians, namely 3,735,000 Danes; 1,277,000 Swedes; 2,852,000 Norwegians; 117,000 Icelanders. The Finns, who from many points of view might be considered to belong to the same group, add 3,810,000 to the number.

### GEOGRAPHY

Geographically, the Scandinavian lands are very large, but for the purpose of human habitation, quite tiny. Sweden resembles a large Christmas stocking, with a little bit of candy in the toe; the candy is the people. Norway is a long belt with a tiny edge of lace on one side and end; that lace is the people. They inhabit parts of the shore and a few of the valleys. Denmark is a little more than half as big as Maine.

### GULF STREAM

These are the most northern civilized countries in the world and they would be barren, white wastes of snow and ice, were it not for the kindly Gulf Stream. The sweltering heat that Texas

and Louisiana experience in summer really heats up the Gulf Stream for Norway and Sweden.

### BOOKS

Country Life in Norway—by Axel H. Oxholm.

The Gulf Stream credited with enabling one-third of the people in this far-north, mountainous land to prosper on farms.

Farm-Labour Relations in Scandinavia—by Marcus W. Childs.

Study of Scandinavian efforts to strike a balance between the standards of the farm and city.

Scandinavian Problems and Policies in Sweden—by the Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science.

Series of articles on Sweden's handling of a dozen or more social problems.

How the Scandinavians Do It—by Marcus W. Childs.

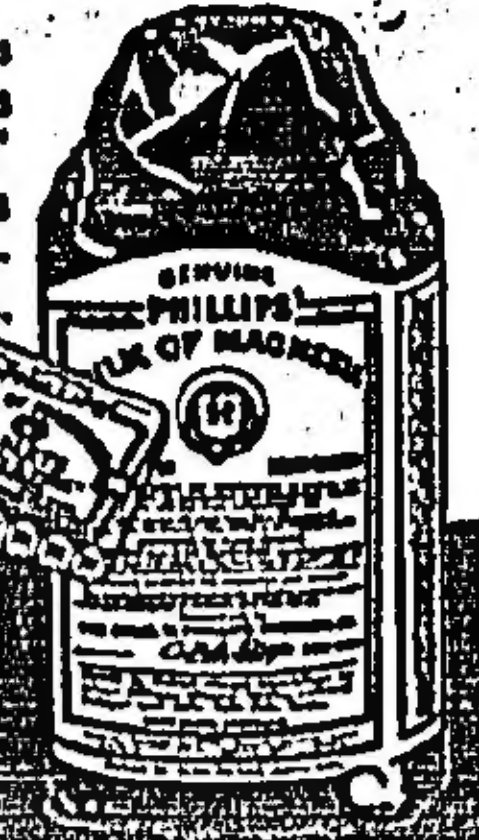
In these northern European countries labour rules democratically despite left and right critics and neighbouring dictatorships.

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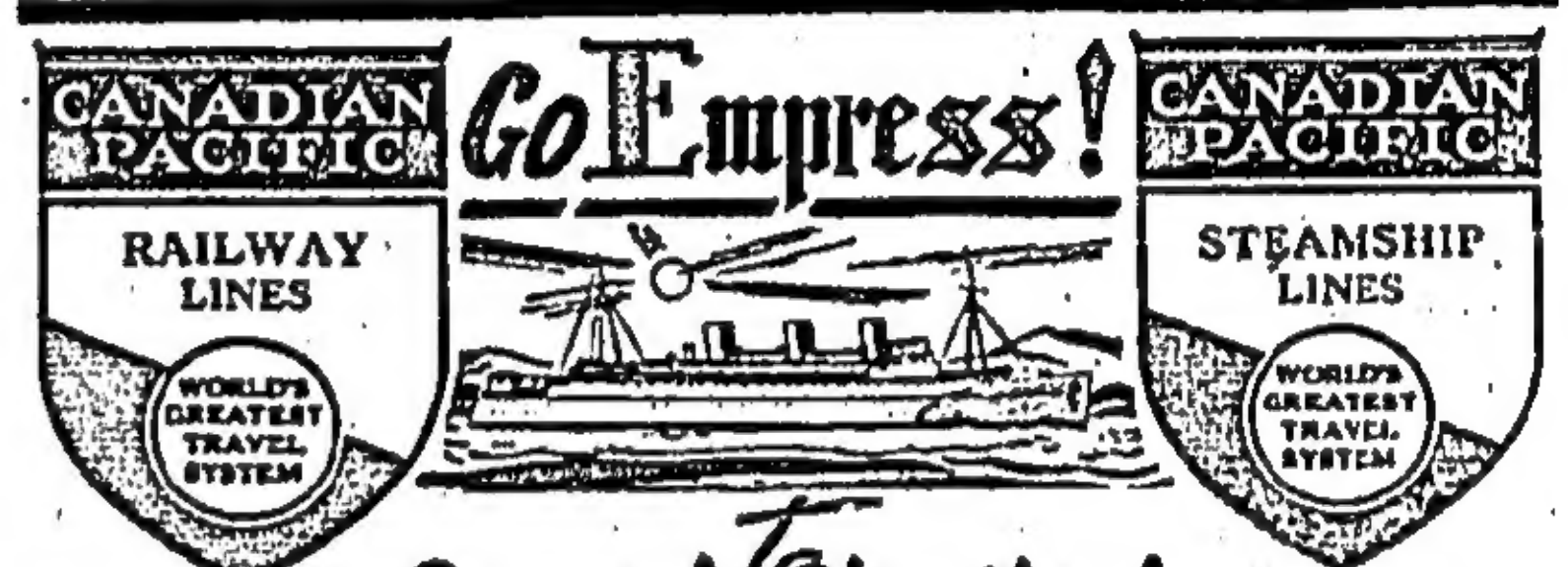
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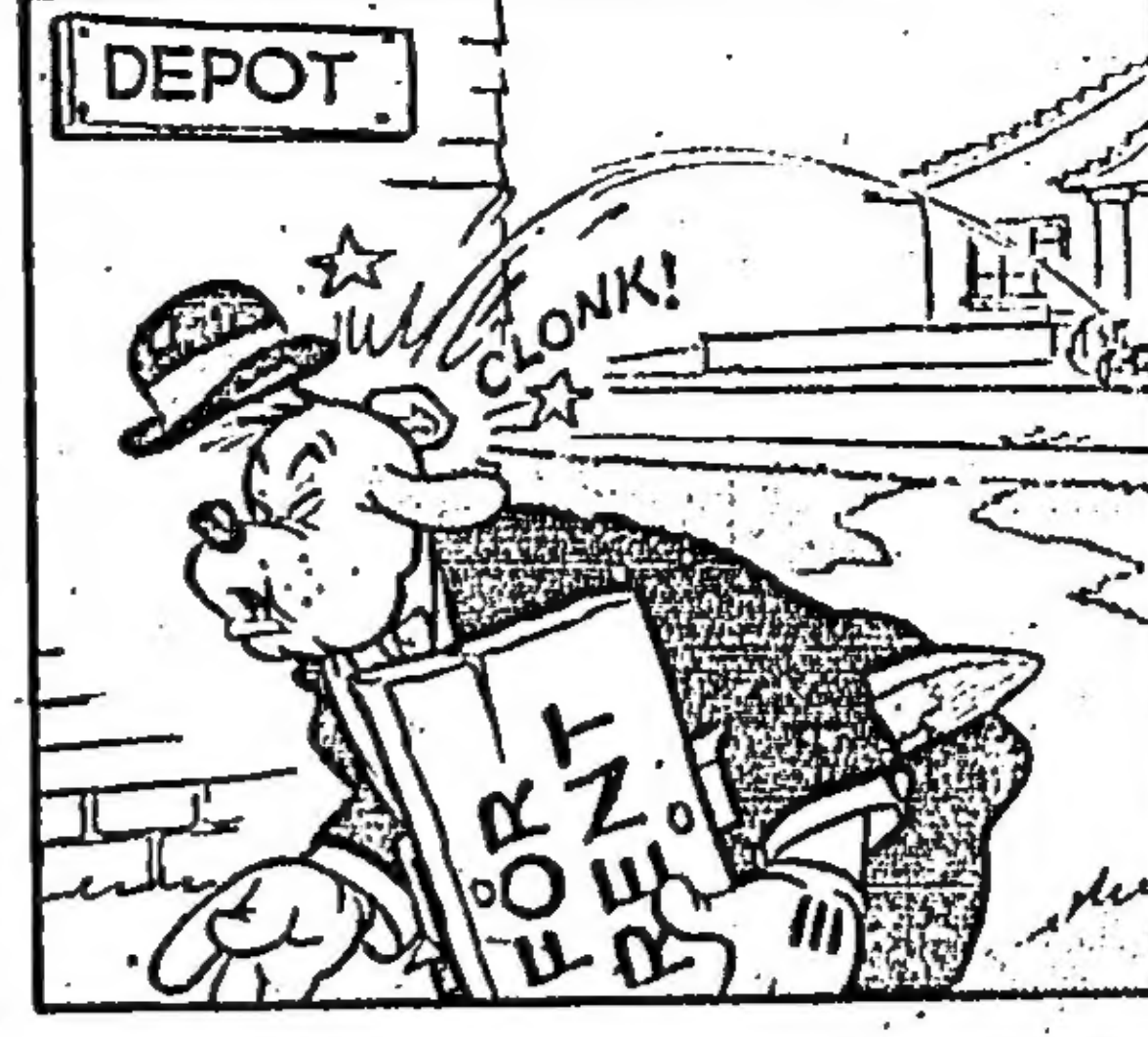
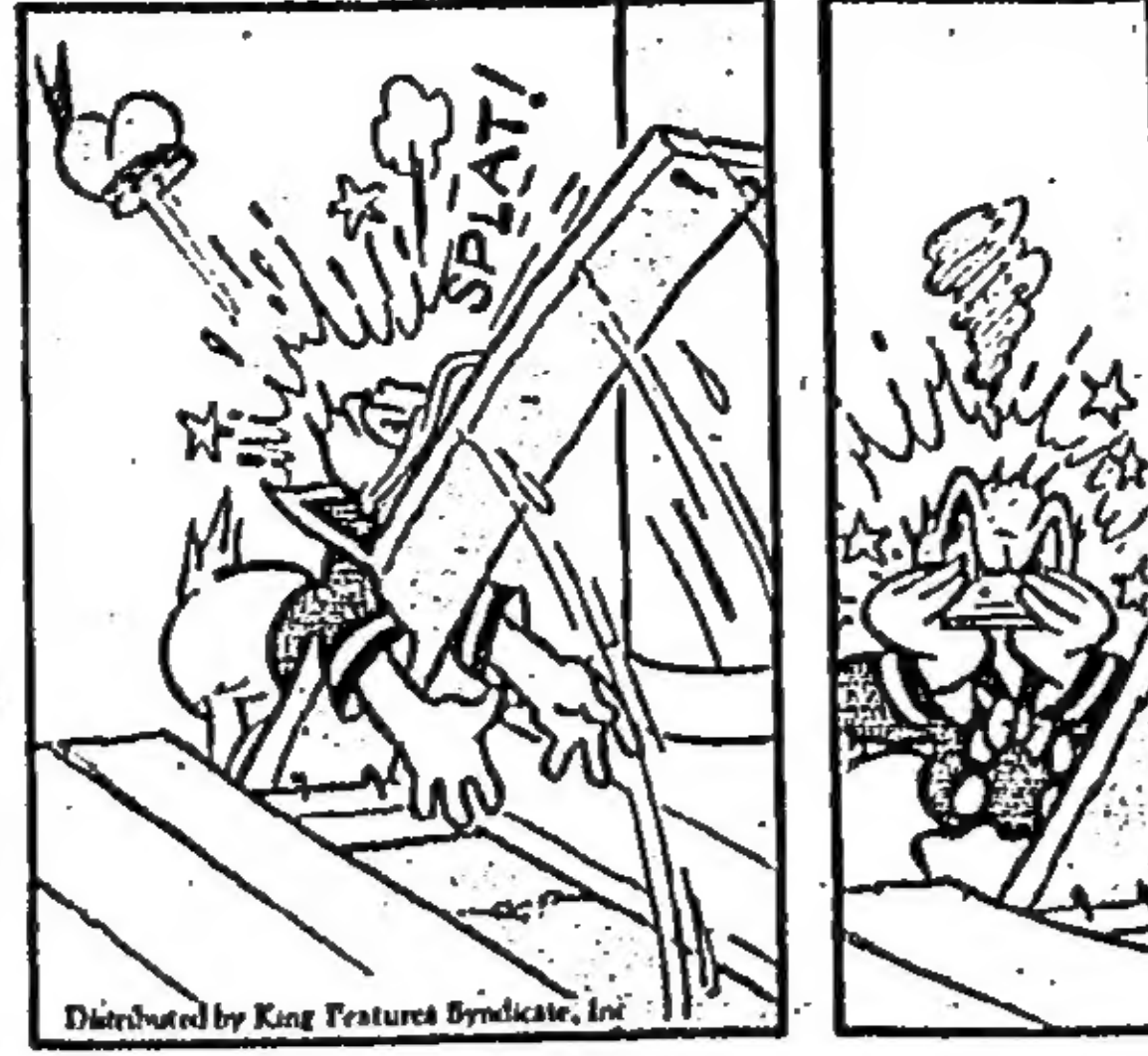
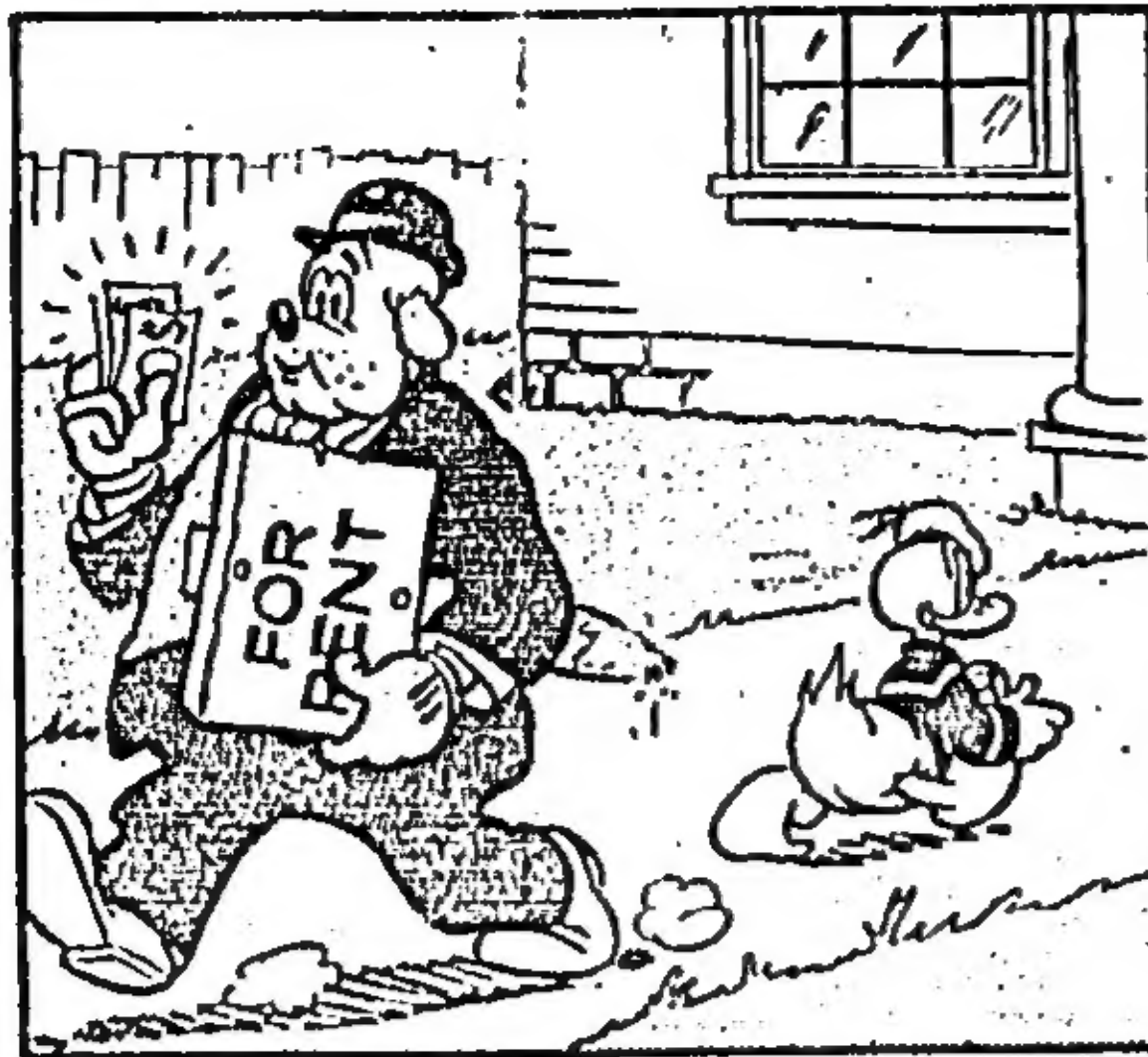
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## DET. HOOLEY—BEST MAN TO PRISONER

HALF AN HOUR before eighteen-year-old soldier James Essex and eighteen-year-old Ellen Corry were to have been married at Manchester register office James was in the police court.

### DIVORCE FROM DEAD HUSBAND

IN the Divorce Court a man was presumed dead and his wife granted a decree nisi.

The wife is Mrs. Rosa Lena Crosse, of the Plough Hotel, St. Botolph, Colchester, Essex, whose husband, Mr. William Stuart Crosse, disappeared in December, 1931.

Mr. and Mrs. Crosse were married at Peang, Straits Settlements, in 1926, returning to England in 1930.

Mr. Crosse became licensee of the Plough Hotel, and disappeared while his wife was absent from home. Despite two broadcast appeals there had been no trace of him.

Later, it was discovered that he owed sums amounting to £500.

A new and little-known provision in the Divorce Law enables a husband or wife to have the marriage dissolved on the ground that the other party to the marriage must be presumed to have died.

If the person has been missing for seven years or more, and the petitioner in that time has had no reason to believe the other has been alive, that is accepted as evidence that the missing person is dead.

### BILLET WIFE WORRIES LAW

WHEN an evacuated wife summoned her husband at Chertsey, Surrey, for alleged failure to maintain her, the chairman of the Matrimonial Court, Mr. H. Weller, remarked:

"A wife usually has to live with her husband, but the evacuation scheme seems to have knocked ordinary law on the head and we do not know where we are."

The wife was Janet Beers, of Pyrcroft-road, Chertsey. Her husband, Archibald Beers, of St. Dunstan's-road, Fulham, S.W., did not attend.

His Two Homes  
Mrs. Beers's case was that she had been evacuated to Chertsey since September and had previously lived at Greyhound-road, Fulham. They had two children.

Her husband, a general labourer, paid her £1 in September. She had been on relief since.

When she wrote to him for money her husband replied that he could not keep two homes going. They were not happy together when they were at home.

The case was adjourned.

## £ s d of Rationed Petrol LONDON.

Because of petrol rationing one motorist in three has not renewed his licence. The Exchequer, as a result, has lost £4,000,000.

## BOY WAS EVACUATED TO HIS HOME

By MARY WELSH

OXFORD. A MANCHESTER schoolboy who travelled to school by train from outside the city, arrived one morning to be evacuated. None of the boys knew where they were going. They formed up, marched into a train.

The train left Manchester. Next stop was the evacuation centre.

When the schoolboy put his head out of the window as the train stopped he was astonished to find he was back in his home town.

The boys lined up again, marched off to their billets.

The line stopped. In the street where the boy lived. He was allotted a billet in that street.

He told the billeting officer, who arranged for him to go home.

This story was told at the Oxford conference to-day of the Incorporated Association of Assistant Masters in Secondary Schools.

Schoolmasters at the conference denounced the Government, denounced evacuation, and protested against overwork and under pay for three hours to-day.

### 43 In One House

Mr. R. P. Trueblood, of Manchester, evacuated to Blackpool, jumped up from a front row chair, shouted: "I object to the Government's regulation of evacuation. They've proved they can't do it."

"They found unsuitable schools. They ill-selected billeting officers, who made their own regulations to cover up their ignorance as to proper ones."

One of the teachers, who told a grand plan around France on an Army liner in the last war, was evacuated with his school to Blackpool when this one began. He said to me:—

"They sent us to professional landladies. One woman in an average-sized house took forty-three boys, expected them to sleep three in a bed. In another house I found eight boys sharing one bedroom."

"My wife and I and thirteen boys were bunched into one house. It's the first time in my life I've got out of bed at night to sit in a chair to rest. The beds were terrible."

## New Camp At Kai Tak

For People Evicted From Insanitaryhovels

Over 200 people have already set up their shelters in the new camp established by Government near the village at Ngau Tau Kok, beyond Kai Tak Aerodrome, for those who were recently evicted from unauthorised and insanitary hovels in Kowloon City, and who do not wish to return to Chinese territory or go to the Pat Heung refugee camp, or who have no funds to obtain accommodation in tenement buildings.

Of those who have moved into the new camp, many have re-started their small industries, such as weaving of hand towels, etc. The shelters built by the occupants themselves are on sites marked out by the medical authorities and are well spaced for proper ventilation.

Owing to the scarcity of matting, temporary permission has been given to the occupants to construct their shelters in tin, but there is every probability that this will be replaced by matting before the hot summer months, for the medical authorities are taking steps to devise a scheme for the loan of matched materials to be financed from private funds placed at their disposal for the benefit of this class of distressed people.

The authorities have furnished a satisfactory pipe-borne water supply from a protected spring in the hills, and adequate sanitary accommodation. It is interesting to note that the inhabitants of the neighbouring village appear to be so impressed with the latrine accommodation that they proposed to erect one for themselves on the outskirts of the village.

## SNOW BLANKETS A.R.P. SHELTER



This air raid shelter in North London had a heavy reinforcement of snow during the cold spell experienced in Britain and its steps almost disappeared under the drift.

# MY TWO YEARS WITH HITLER

BY

SIR NEVILLE HENDERSON

LATE HIS MAJESTY'S AMBASSADOR AT BERLIN

"... This is a people's War and therefore it is only right that the people themselves should be told the whole truth."

WITH these words, Sir Neville Henderson, late His Majesty's Ambassador at Berlin, begins exclusively in the "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" on Monday next, his own first-hand account of what actually happened in Nazi Germany from the time he arrived in Berlin in April, 1937, to the fateful day of September 3, 1939. Here, PUBLISHED FOR THE FIRST TIME, is Sir Neville

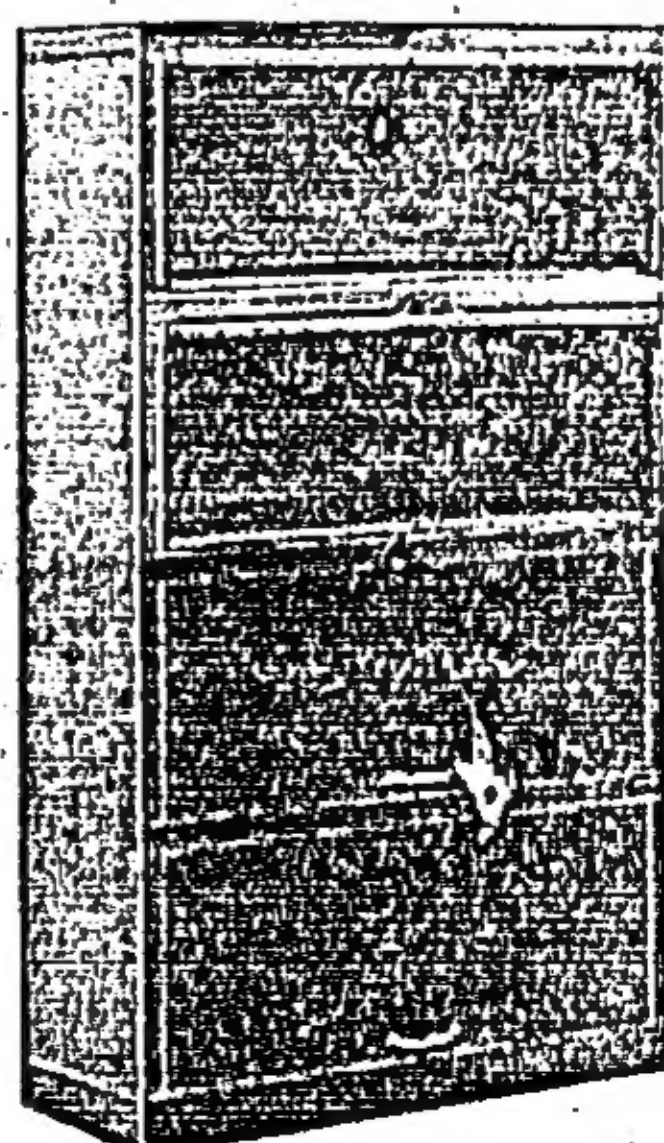
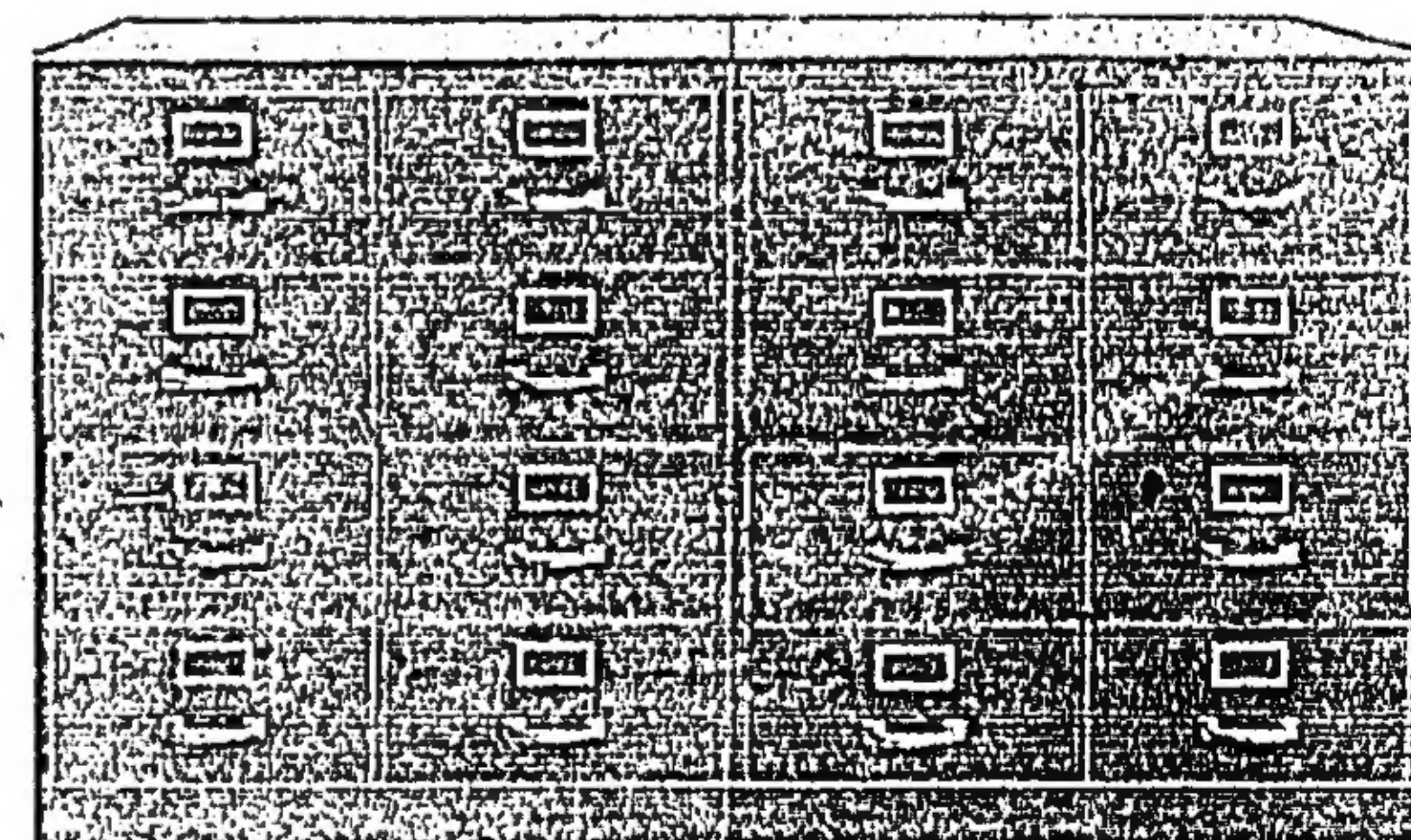


Sir Neville Henderson, P.C., C.M.G., Late His Majesty's Ambassador at Berlin.

Henderson's own story—simply and vividly written—of the tremendous events which led eventually to the outbreak of war. This is NOT a summary of an official document but a specially written personal narrative in which many new and important facts are disclosed. Hitler, Goering, Ribbentrop, Goebbels, Himmler—what manner of men are the masters of Nazi Germany? The Ruhr, Austria, Czecho-Slovakia, Poland! What really went on behind the scenes? Sir Neville Henderson now reveals to the world THE WHOLE TRUTH. This remarkable document—probably the most important ever to be published in a newspaper—will appear in the "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH"—starting on Monday, April 22.

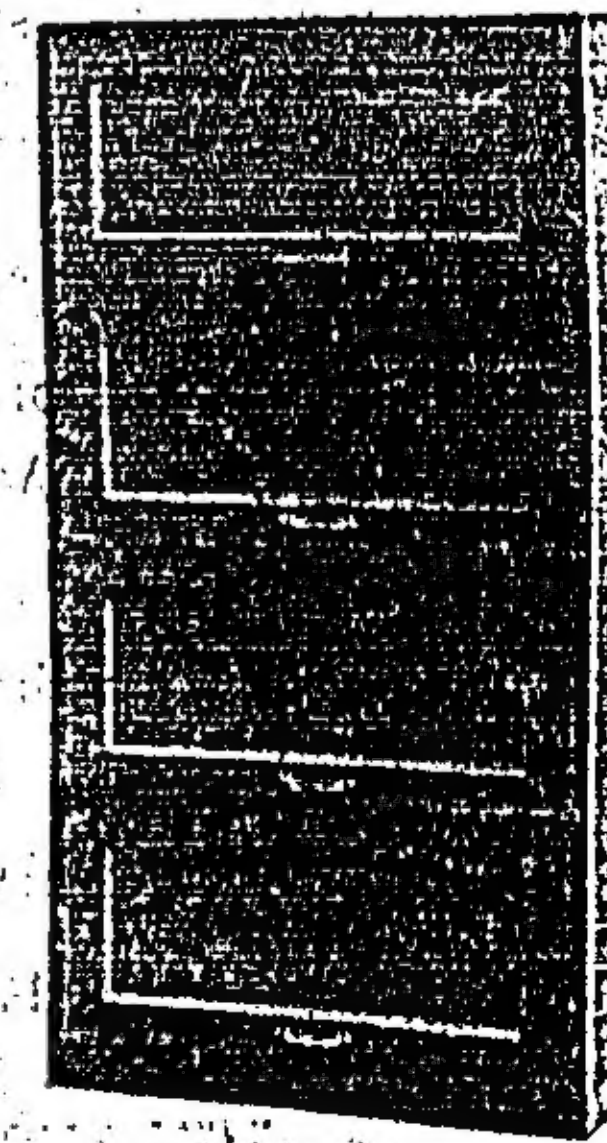
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## Russian Help To Nazis

WHATEVER self-gratulation the gramophonic Nazi Press may indulge in, there is not likely to be much real rejoicing among German higher circles about the trade agreement with Russia. The Soviet is a customer likely to break even the toughest heart—that is, the heart of a Nazi.

Some admirers (at a safe distance) of the new order in Russia had convinced themselves that the country's inveterate inefficiency had gone out with Tsardom. More cautious observers had their doubts, which were confirmed by all that happened in the Soviet aggression on Finland.

Moreover, it is no secret that Russia's response to German solicitations during the last eight months has been as disappointing in a material as in a military sense. Enough has happened to prevent Hitler from dreaming of speedy victory helped by Soviet resources. The Bear remains true to its nature—a clumsy, cumbersome animal whose intentions are not easy to divine.

An American authority who has made careful study of Russia's ability to help Germany with key material has put his conclusions briefly. If the present siege war lasts for two years without major battles, he says, so that there is a minimum expenditure of war materials in the field, and granted that Germany has time to accumulate war stocks and reorganise Soviet industry and transport, then Russian aid might well be decisive in determining the military outcome in the West. But in a short war of big offensives Russia cannot give decisive aid to Germany.

This looks like suggesting that time is on the side of the Nazis. But what hope have they of substantially reorganising Soviet industry and transport when so deeply committed to those tasks at home? Further, what prospect is there that the two brands of totalitarianism would amicably co-operate in the projected reorganisation? It seems much more likely that they would pull in opposite directions.

## FLARE-UP EXPECTED

## French Minister's Worst Front Warning

PARIS, Apr. 11 (Reuter).—The front might blaze up any day, said a War Ministry spokesman, giving a warning that "events in North Europe must not make us forget the front between the Moselle and the Rhine."

He added: "At various points we have observed indications of preparations for an attack."

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PARIS, Apr. 11 (Reuter).—

PLEASE Turn To Page 2.

If The Test Comes  
—will the generals start again where they left off last time?

THERE was another dawn raid in May twenty-five years ago. The same enemy after prisoners as they were in the B.E.F. raid last week.

Among things the enemy found in the-raided French trench near La Ville, north of Rheims, was a document of apparent minor importance.

It was headed—"Construction of a Defensive Position," and contained a diagram like this.

It was signed by the French Fifth Army Commander. In routine fashion it went to Operations Section of the German Supreme Command (O.H.L.), whose chief was Colonel Fritz von Lossberg, described as the only "artist in war, if not the only personality worthy of the name who rose to responsible position in any belligerent army in 1914-1918." This is Captain G. C. Wynne's evaluation of von Lossberg, whom he makes the chief character in his book, "If Germany Attacks."

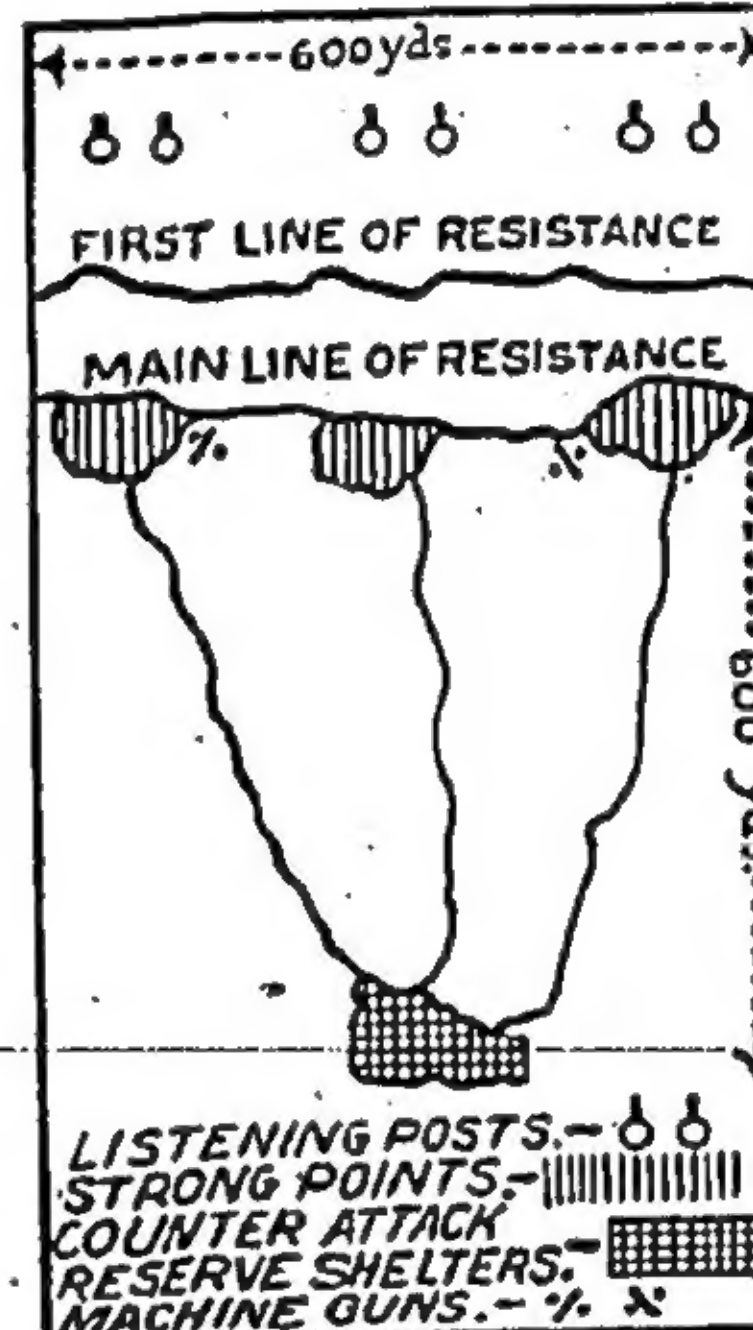
THIS was the backbone of the German Army's actions: "Defend the foremost line rigidly. Keep it heavily garrisoned in order to hold it at all costs." It necessitated packing troops so densely into the foremost line that it was exposed to Allied assault in these ways:—

(1) The daily increasing power of our bombardment would cause ever heavier casualties among the close ranks well within our range.  
(2) The then existing and obsolete Allied method of attack by massed man-power in successive waves might be modernised suddenly and help break through on a wide front the rigidly held line which had such inadequate reserves behind it.

The junior members urged a thinning out of the foremost line, to give the whole front line depth and resiliency, but their ideas were vague....

Then came the French document—written ten days before. To the junior members it was a cooling mould for their as yet liquid ideas. "An inspiration towards a solution for which they had been searching," says Captain Wynne. "The original touch in this instruction was that the main line of resistance, that is, the line of pickets, was to be held not by a continuous line of rifles, as was usual, but by a line of strong points, about 200 yards apart, and these strong points were to be constructed like miniature forts for all-round defence and capable of offering long resistance, 'even though surrounded on all sides.' Their garrisons were to hold on until relieved by victorious counter-attack by the reserves from the third line...."

So was born the Siegfried Line, and other lines of today. They are direct descendants of the Hindenburg Line of 1917, whose official name then was actually Siegfried.



VON LOSSBERG gets his first recognition as an "artist in war." He is promoted to chief of staff of the Third Army to replace a lieutenant-general — "a marked honour for a junior colonel." And Captain Wynne traces his career from the Champagne battles of 1915 to the Somme campaign (July-November 1916) in his (Wynne's) masterly effort to "understand the clash of battle doctrines which appears to be imminent" on the Western Front to-day.

HE writes: "There is a saying that in a military sense a new war begins where the last one left off; the human imagination is so unreliable that actual experience is needed before changes can be made to an established doctrine." He therefore examines the doctrines of the opposing armies in the west at the end of the last war. The outstanding feature was the German development of the defensive battle, which produced the "battle in depth," of which the giant fortified lines of to-day are the natural evolution. That is the keynote of his remarkable book, and "battle in depth" from the autumn of 1915 onwards was mainly the work of one master-mind—von Lossberg, artist in war.

And so to the Somme. The British offensive — another promotion for von Lossberg and his complete conversion to the doctrine of his former junior officers.

Captain Wynne writes a brilliant twenty-seven-page account of that mighty Somme upheaval — a glimpse of real land warfare, lines...The advance rapidly correct answer.

## Big German Offensive In West Predicted By French G.H.Q.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, APRIL 12 (UP).—THE BELIEF IS GROWING IN LONDON THAT A BIG GERMAN OFFENSIVE IS IMPENDING IN THE WEST.

Holland, and perhaps Belgium, are now thought with increasing conviction to be next in Hitler's blitzkrieg time-table.

Not merely amateur strategists but more and more experts are embracing the theory that the entire Scandinavian adventure, besides its immediate objectives, was designed as a

by O. D.

GALLAGHER

"Daily Express" War  
Reporter back from  
the Western Front

not yet resumed on the West-

ern Front:—

"The night... passed quietly, and the day broke clear with the promise of a Sunday of blue skies."

"The Germans in their deep, tunnelled dug-outs in the front line had finished their morning coffee, and the night sentries had been relieved, when suddenly, at 6 a.m., a great mass of shells burst with a thundering crash on and along the whole front... This violent tornado lasted some hours, until about midday the shelling changed to a steady, carefully aimed fire, as if the British batteries were competing with one another in a shooting tournament, but during the afternoon the bombardment increased again...."

"CLOUDS of chlorine gas crossed No-man's Land from the British trenches.

The dense fumes filled every crevice in the ground. They crept like live things down the steps of the dug-outs.... The battle area was enveloped in a dark, muddy fog.... The Germans, who up to now had endured the inferno almost with indifference, began to feel alarmed. The concussion put out candles and acetylene lights in the deepest dug-outs. The walls rocked like the sides of a ship... rats, mice, moles, and much else came out of holes and corners and lay dead about the place.... The British gunners, whom the Germans imagined in their place, were sweating through the heat of the day at their work of destruction, appeared indefatigable.... The German front defences no longer existed... a succession of shell holes replaced them....

When the mighty preparatory barrage ended (1,628,000 shells were used by 1,613 guns) the Germans clambered from their crushed hide-outs into these very shell holes, carrying their machine-guns.

Four lines of British troops, seemingly without end, went over the top at a steady, comfortable pace, as if expecting to find nothing alive in the front trenches. "Some carried Kodaks... stopping to take pictures." "Get ready!" was passed along the German front from crater to crater.... A hail of lead swept into the advancing lines... The advance rapidly correct answer.

crumbled under this hail of bullets.... Again and again extended lines of British infantry broke against the German defence like waves against a cliff. "It was an 'amazing spectacle of unexampled gallantry, courage, and bulldog determination on both sides.' By evening, however, the attack had come to a standstill, and the 186th Infantry Regiment was still in possession of the whole trace of its original trench system...."

NOW von Lossberg began to overhaul the entire German system. The foremost line became a defence zone within which the units moved as the situation demanded. Shell holes were linked by trenches.

Official German casualties on the Somme were 465,000, against an Allied total of 623,000 (419,000 British). "These figures... showed an increasing proportion of German casualties, and it was the flower of the German Army which was gradually being lost...."

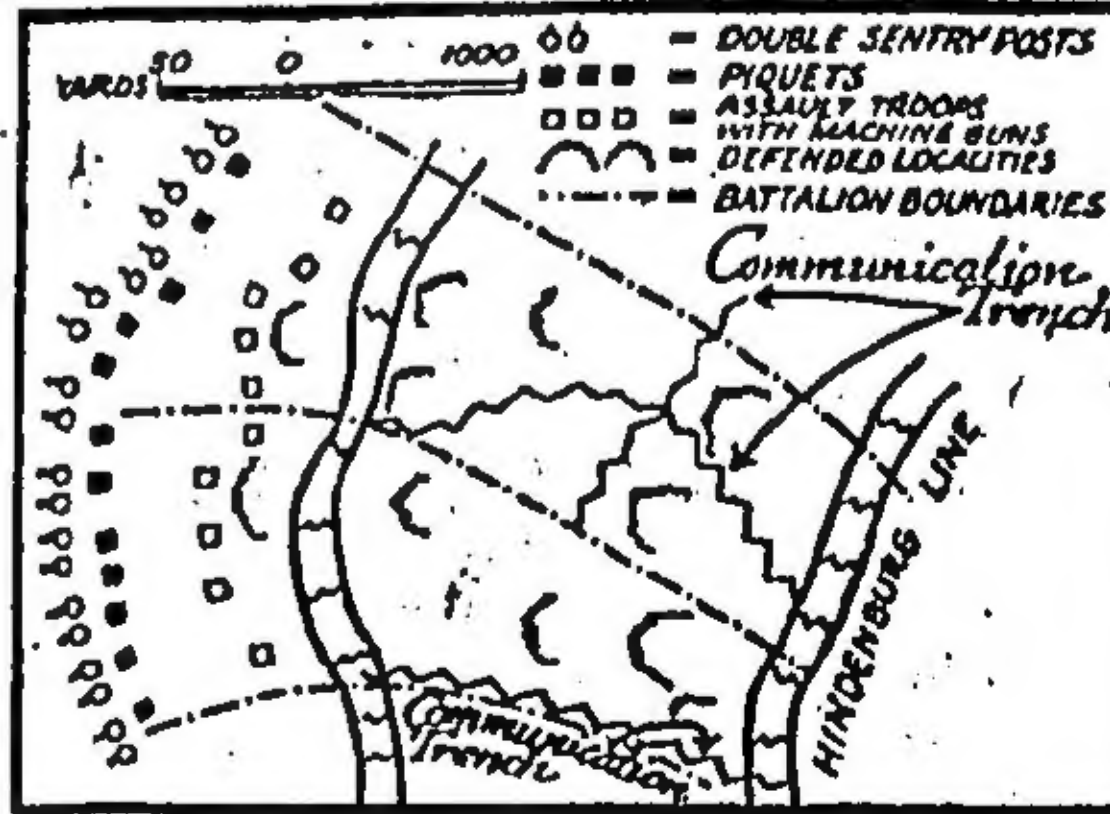
Hindenburg and Ludendorff, however, believed that a new doctrine of defence was essential to their army. Rigid defence, even of a foremost zone, would soon prove too costly.

This change of outlook brought the Hindenburg (or first Siegfried) Line, crystallised in this sketch.

As Captain Wynne observes: "The Hindenburg Position... probably shows the way to the defensive battle of the future."

"The German Army has accepted the legacy of war experience of its predecessors unreservedly, and modernised it. The German General Staff has placed the god of mass-production and technical invention alongside that of 'bravery in battle' in its temple. The result may be seen when the Germans imagined in the Siegfried Position of 1940."

Summing up, Captain Wynne









## Around The Courses

# THE SECRET OF LONG HITTING

## Jimmy Thomson Tells How His Drive Carries Over 280 Yards

(By "Birdie")

**YOUNG AND POWERFULLY BUILT**, with broad shoulders, a fine pair of hands and strong legs, five feet eleven inches in height and weighing 190 pounds—that is Jimmy Thomson—acknowledged by most famous golfers as the longest hitter in the game to-day. On rain soaked turf which has little or no run, he can drive around 280 yards, and with his brassie can smack the little ball to almost the same distance.

He did this quite recently on a 550-yard hole, and was just ten feet off the pin when the ball came to rest. He was asked how he could generate so much power, yet so seldom deviate from the pin. Here's his reply:

"Long hitting comes from club-head speed through the moment of impact. On its way to the ball, the club-head should be gathering speed, reaching its top momentum just as the ball is hit. Most golfers waste their speed before the club-head ever gets to the ball."

"Power is applied too quickly—too early. They can't wait. They put in their punch at least two feet ahead of schedule. I'd say with 95 golfers out of 100 that the speed of the club-head is dying out at least a foot or eighteen inches before the ball is struck. As a matter of fact, important tests have proved this point. The club-head is losing speed when it should be picking up."

"Every swing must start from the correct balance. You must be balanced on your feet. Balanced means that your feet are in a position that you must have your legs, body and shoulders working with the action of the hands and wrists—not against them. In most cases, the body is working against the hands. The average golfer needs a much bigger pivot or turn than he takes. He must let his left side come round much more. In my own case my back is practically set against the line of flight. Left shoulder, left hip, left knee, left ankle, all take the turn together. Don't be afraid to take this turn, you really have to if you want to get any distance."

"THEN you must finish your backswing. Once again, most golfers start their downswing before their backswing is finished. They just can't wait. But you must wait. There is no other way. They must all know that the golf ball isn't going to move until they hit it. So why hurry?"

"Take a full left turn, finish your backswing, and don't be in any big hurry to start your downswing. Just try to get the feeling that you don't have to rush the swing or the hitting by a split second. Just wait for it. No one can try to put in the big punch halfway through the downswing, and then have anything left."

"Most people cannot use their hands and wrists properly because they have had foot action—no balance. It is because they let the body and shoulders take charge of the swing. You must clear the

way for the hands and wrists. You must first get the body out of the way—and then bring it in back of the swing, not in front of the swing."

"But you must have in mind that the hands and wrists are swinging the club—not the body and shoulders."

"You must do certain things in order to clear the way for the hands and wrists. One of these is light foot action—not locked foot action. Another is the full left side turn. Get around where you have power and the feeling of power."

"George Duncan used to say, 'Don't leave the left shoulder behind.' I say don't leave the left shoulder, the left hip or the left knee behind. Hands and wrists must be in control—don't let them up or block them."

"I HAVE seen small men over 60 years of age drive over 280 yards, shot after shot. So it isn't all a matter of physical strength. I have seen Cyril Walker, weighing 115 pounds, win the U.S. Open, and keep up with the big wall-poppers—some of them 280 pounds."

"Walker had a club-head speed through the moment of impact—I mean increasing speed, not decreasing speed."

"Golf, at least tournament golf, is a peculiar game. The mental and psychological side is bigger than any one of us can face. We are playing too much against ourselves, and not our opponents."

In turning as he does—"with back practically to the line of flight"—and then finishing with the full left turn, taking with him his left shoulder, hip, knee and ankle, it gives one the mental picture of a corker—winding and unwinding and then winding again. Thomson, however, does twist himself off his feet at the end of a particularly violent effort. I wonder if that is what he means by "light foot action?"



**SISTER ACT**—Meet the Hill sisters of Hempstead, N. Y., forming unique basketball team. In 84 games they have won 80. From left: Ruth, gym teacher, 22; Helen, secretary, 20; Isabel (Mrs. Joseph Walsh), captain, 25; Marjorie, telephone operator, 18, and Kathleen, student, 16.

## TSUI YUN-PUI EXTENDED

### FULL SCORES OF VOLUNTEERS' RIFLE MEET

**THE HONGKONG Volunteer Defence Corps rifle meeting was held at Kowloon City on Sunday.** The weather was far from good as regards visibility and a very strong wind, accompanied by rain, spoiled many scores. Considering the conditions, the general standard was about the same as last year, the scores being rather lower.

The number of entries was very much larger than in previous years. There was more than double the number of competitors; 51 teams competed in the team competitions and 267 fired for the Cups Championship.

**Results:**  
Corps Championship  
Class I—L. Austin (No. 4) 64; L. Hamilton (M.C.) 60; Cpl. Hammond (No. 1) 58; Cpl. Dewar (No. 7) 57; Pte. Kocher (M.C.) 56; L. Holmes (No. 1) 55; Sgt. Salter (No. 4) 54; Pte. Curtis (No. 3) 53; 40.  
Class II—Sgt. Pao (F.D. Coy. Engrs.) 56; Pte. Aman (No. 1) 55; Pte. Wong (No. 4) 54; Pte. Martin (Stanley Pl.) 47; Cpl. Sime (1st Battery) 44; L/Cpl. So (No. 4) 42; Pte. Lemow (M.C.) 42; Sgt. Sime (1st Battery) 42.  
Class III—Sgt. Salter (Corps Sigs.) 48; Pte. Antonio (No. 8) 47; Pte. Castro, R.A. (No. 5 Coy.) 41; Pte. Jitta (No. 3 Coy.) 40.

**Ministry Competition**  
Class I—Cpl. Hammond (No. 1) 60; L/Cpl. Remedios (No. 5) 57; Sgt. Sime (1st Battery) 56; L. Austin (No. 4) 55; Cpl. Dewar (No. 7) 54; Pte. Kocher (M.C.) 53; Pte. Curtis (No. 3) 52; Sgt. Salter (No. 4) 51; Pte. Wong (No. 4) 50; Pte. Martin (Stanley Pl.) 47; Cpl. Sime (1st Battery) 44; L/Cpl. So (No. 4) 42; Pte. Lemow (M.C.) 42; Sgt. Sime (1st Battery) 42.  
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**Francis Cup**  
Class I—No. 5 Coy. A (Sgt. Balera, L/Cpl. Xavier, L/Cpl. Pereira, Pte. Ribeiro), 122; Corps Sigs. 51; 2nd Battery B 110; No. 1 Coy. A 112; No. 5 Coy. A 111; M.C. 111; No. 3 Coy. A 108.  
Class III—No. 1 Coy. A (Pte. Bequeira, Noronha, Antonio, Castro) 100; No. 5 Coy. 90; No. 3 Coy. 88.  
**Falting Plate**  
No. 5 Coy. A (L/Cpl. Remedios, C.S.M. Tritto, L/Cpl. Remedios, Pte. Castro) 11; No. 1 Coy. A (Sgt. Stanley Platoon) 11; No. 3 Coy. B 11.  
**Revolver Competition**—L/Cpl. Tanaley (1st Bat.) 68.

### South Beat Oldham In Cup Re-play

**LONDON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).**—The following were the results of Scottish Regional football matches and an English League Cup re-play:

**CUP RE-PLAY**  
Oldham 0 Southport 1 (after extra time)  
**Scottish WESTERN**  
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### Hongkong Electric Bowls Team

The following will represent the Hongkong Electric R.C. in a friendly bowls match against Indian R.C. at Sookumpoo on Saturday at 3.30 p.m.: W. E. Baker, W. R. Macfarlane, H. B. Atkey and A. P. Paul (skip); A. P. Paul, R. A. Owens, C. E. Gahan and W. B. Munkett (skip); R. C. Butler, V. Sorby, G. O. S. Thomson and G. T. Padgett (skip).

## Twenty-two Games In First Set To Beat Tennie Kwok

(By "Tinker")

**AFTER FULLY EXTENDING Tsui Yun-pui in a twenty-two games' first set, Tennie Kwok collapsed in the second and was beaten by 12-10, 6-1 in the quarter finals of the Colony Open Singles tennis championships at the Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday.** Had Kwok won the first set, as on two occasions he might have done, there might have been a different ending to the match.

It was what one might term a tactical game. Neither player favoured spectacular and hard driving, and most points were won by cool placings down the sidelines, lobs and short drop shots. Actually, the surface of the court was very much against the faster game. Kwok had difficulty in keeping his feet—he did fall once—and gave the impression of moderating his game in order to be sure of his footing.

Tsui was, as usual, safe on both hands, but, surprisingly, Kwok chose to attack his opponent's backhand—his acknowledged stronger side! He made a good job of it, however, and with his own backhand working well, placed the ball frequently deep in the corner.

This would have been a finer game had the court been firm and dry.

### OPPORTUNITIES MISSED

TSUI commenced serving and for the first four games—until 2—all—the server lost. From then until the 14th game—7—all—service games were won, and then Kwok missed his second opportunity of securing the set.

### Today's Programme

**OPEN DOUBLES**  
E. C. Fletcher and W. C. Hung v. C. H. R. Hyde and J. J. Ferguson.

## ROYAL NAVY BEAT SOUTH CHINA "B"

### Goal In First Few Minutes Decides Match

(By "Rex")

Fielding the same team as that which beat the seniors, Navy advanced one step in the League at the expense of South China "B", whom they defeated one goal to nil at Caroline Hill yesterday. They have now to contend with Royal Scots, and, if they should win, are assured of third place in the League.

Like their previous match with South China "A", Navy scored within the first few minutes of the game, which half they dominated, and, in the second, were hard pressed to clear their area. South China "B" were unfortunate, at this time in not levelling the score and going ahead.

Navy's defence was strong throughout. Roughly and Honeywell were a good pair, understanding and covering each other well. Robinson pulled off some spectacular saves which earned the applause of the crowd.

Nichols was the best of the halves, spilling well, but was slightly erratic in his passing. Britt and Honeywell lent good support. They were greatly responsible for breaking up many South China attacks.

Phippens was seen to more advantage than was Bourne, who found Kwok a trying obstacle. Hendy worked exceedingly hard, but could have done much more had he been supported. Le Page was excellent as a schemer and worked several good moves. Their work in front of goal was mediocre compared to their performance in mid-field.

### MANY RESERVES

SIU Tim-lin was rarely tested, but appeared quite safe. He was well backed up by Hau Yung-sang who played a very good game. His partner, Lau Wai-ping, was not so reliable as allowed Phippens to work his will with him.

The halves were the hardest workers, in especial Kwok Ying-kie. He was very effective in spilling, and was invariably seen downfield, in the second half, when he was doing his utmost to aid his forwards in getting a goal or two. Luk Taitung aided in spilling, but his feeding, was not as usual. Lam Tak-po was hardly ever seen, appearing very subdued.

The forwards were exceptionally off form, only Lee Shek-yau making the slightest attempt at scoring. Chan Tak-fai appeared too slow, and Yeung Kan-po was not much of an improvement. Cheung Lai-sing came in for a few centres, while Yeung Kan-po did some constructive work, which the forwards did not make an attempt to follow through.

### NAVY OPEN EARLY

FROM the whistle Navy pressed South China. The forwards executed a fine forward movement. Le Page and Hendy combining well to bring the ball well up before Thoburn possessed. He tried twice. The first try was blocked, he took the ball on the rebound, ran through, and beat SIU with a terrific drive into the corner of the net.

Navy kept up pressure, and maintained the upper hand till half time, when they were practically swamped by South China. Chan Tak-fai was guilty of dallying too long with the ball on several occasions. Lee tried several centres and hard drives which the vigilant Robinson would not let through. Navy came in for some rids on the South China area, which, however, lacked sting.

Navy—Robinson, Roughly, Honeywell, Le Page, Hendy, Thoburn, Bourne, South China "B"—SIU Tim-lin; Hau Yung-sang, Lau Wai-ping, Chan Tak-fai, Lam Tak-po, Kwok Tai-hung, Cheung Lai-sing, Tam Chan-kin, Chan Tak-fai, Yeung Kan-po and Lee Shek-yau.

## EASTERN'S THIRD WIN IN MANILA

**MANILA, Apr. 16 (UP).**—Eastern to-day scored their third successive easy victory, defeating Letran College, Manila's third ranking team, 3-1.

The Hongkong team jumped to an early lead, which they held with a 3-1 advantage until half time.

Hongkong played smart football as usual, dominating the play throughout. The forwards Chang To and N. V. Lee drew forwards along the Letran line, who played a rough and hopeless game.

### Y.M.C.A. Hockey XI

The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. in a hockey match against H. M. Submarines on the "A" ground at 5.15 p.m. to-morrow: Millington; Jordan and Fourlett; Coombe, McCallan and Waldron; Corser, Gemmell, Pennington, Baldwin and Highland.

### SPORT ADVTS.

#### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

**THE FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING** will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY ON **SATURDAY, 20th April, 1940**, commencing at 2.00 p.m. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

#### MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No. 10 without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified. Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Room at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax), are obtainable through the Secretary upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m. Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920).

#### PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

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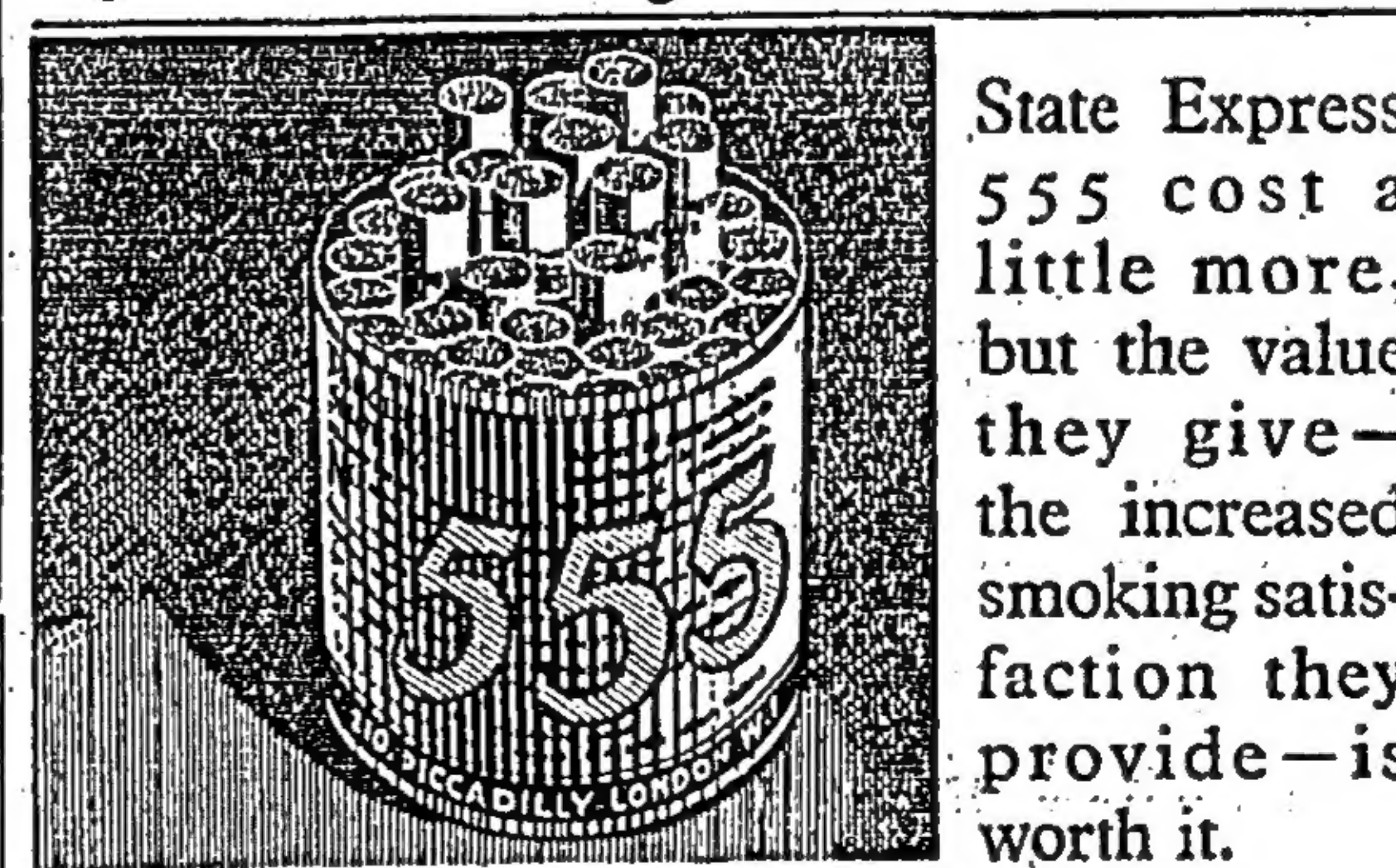
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## TEN SHORT SEA STORIES IN THE 'LONDON GAZETTE'

TEN very short sea stories appeared in a supplement to the "London Gazette" recently. They tell of the bravery of the men of the Merchant Navy in face of the enemy—and they are masterpieces of simple English.

Many people who read them assumed that they had been written by a distinguished author. They were wrong. The stories were written by a man who has made his name as an artist in gold.

He is Professor Reginald Morier Glendowe, whose war job is to record the bravery of Britons at sea. He means to do it without "officialness"—or, as he says, "to do it in decent English."

Professor Glendowe, a former Slade Professor of Fine Arts at Oxford University, is famous for his work in silver and gold. He designed and worked plans for the Goldsmiths' Company, and for many cathedrals, churches, and colleges.

Now he sits in a quiet room at the Admiralty, feeling quite at home and doing something he has always wanted to do.

He taught himself to sail an 18-ft. boat in Shetland waters—when he was a boy, and he has loved nothing better than sailing ever since.

"I like to think I have always belonged here," he said. "During the last war I was private secretary to the Secretary of the Admiralty. When the war ended I walked out to be an artist."

'My Old Love'

"When this new war came I offered myself for a Civil Service job. At first I was unlucky. I was told that things had changed a good deal and that, having been more than 20 years out of harness, I wouldn't be of any use.

"Then I tried my old love, the Admiralty. In a short time I found myself here, in the special section of Honours and Awards, which includes the Royal Navy, the Merchant Navy, and the Fishing Fleets."

Professor Glendowe leaned back in his chair and smiled happily.

"And so I got my chance to write," he said.

I made up my mind that the history of our men's heroism at sea must be written in the simplest and best style. I determined to use the fewest possible words—just as in a drawing I would aim at economy of line.

Will Go On

"I worked at words just as carefully and with as much intention of getting absolute 'rightness' as I do when I fashion a piece of gold plate.

"The thought that some people have recognized this makes me very glad. I want to go on with this writing—and to do better and better."

Professor Glendowe showed me a large, leather-bound book which he has designed for the records he is making.

"When the war is ended I shall fill the pages with these little narratives. And I shall write every word with great care—as it will deserve," he said.

**SUPPLEMENT TO THE LONDON GAZETTE**  
Commenced—  
Captain William Stubbs, Master, "Doris Star" (Blue Star Line Limited), London.  
"Doris Star" was armed with one 4" gun. Her crew was 24, none of whom was hurt. She became suddenly aware of the presence of the enemy by the landing on her deck of a piece of a shell which had exploded about 200 yards off her port quarter. The Master went on the bridge and sighted the head of a warship some 15 miles away. He ordered a signal to be sent out. A little later another shell fired from about 8 miles, landed 200 yards more than 200 yards off, on the starboard bow. The superstructure of a battleship was now visible, and "Doris Star" amplified her distress call. The raiders which was "Admiral Graf Spee," temporarily named "Deutschland," and (though disguised as a liner, "Dresden"), sent out a signal to "Doris Star" not to use her wireless, but no notice was taken and the Radio Officer kept sending calls until he heard them repeated by other ships. The Master stopped his ship. From about half a mile away "Admiral Graf Spee" sent a launch with a boarding party, who asked what the cargo was, and when the Master told them wool, they looked at all the hatches and seeing wool under them failed to find out that the cargo was in fact meat butter and cheese. "Doris Star's" crew were given ten minutes to get ready to leave the ship. The enemy hung bombs over the side, one of which exploded; before they left, but failed to sink the ship, so that seven shells and one torpedo had to be put into her.

"Decent English"—Professor Glendowe's story of the Doris Star, reproduced from the "London Gazette."

### ACTION ON HAINAN FRONT



THIS photograph of Japanese troops in action was taken in a wrecked town on Hainan Island, where the invaders are still opposed by a considerable force of Chinese regulars and guerrillas.—Domei.

## SCIENTIST WHO SAVED MILLIONS OF LIVES DIES

A MAN WHO HAS SAVED MILLIONS OF LIVES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WAS CREMATED LAST MONTH AT GOLDERS GREEN, N.W.

He was 58-years-old Sir Patrick Laidlaw, the pathologist who seven years ago announced from an old army hut that he had tracked, with two companions, the source of influenza germ.

Medical men said it was perhaps the most important discovery in medical history, for when he announced that he and his companions had established that influenza was a filterable virus, it was the world's first definite step towards preventing one of mankind's most deadly diseases.

From 1918 to 1920, more than 15,000,000 people died from influenza. Together with the common cold, it was costing the nation £10,000,000.

The disease could not be controlled until the basic cause had been discovered.

The three British doctors of the Medical Research Council found that the causal agent was a microbe so small that it could not be seen in a microscope. It could pass through finely porous filters that held back visible bacteria.

The influenza virus then joined the ranks of the smallpox and measles viruses, of which medical science had already considerable experience.

So they tried to isolate a serum which would counteract the influence of the virus. Every disease was known to produce in a victim a swarm of what were called "anti-bodies."

### HIS COMPANIONS

Dr. Laidlaw's companions in his experiments were Dr. Wilson Smith and Dr. C. H. Andrews. Every morning they met for experiments. Before passing into the laboratory they dressed from head to foot in tarpaulin coats and rubber boots.

After walking through a pool of for Medical Research at Mill Hill, powerful disinfectant their clothes, their germs, if they had got free, could have wiped out the whole of London.

Inside, lined against the white-washed walls, were the cages housing dozens of ferrets on whom these experiments to save human lives were made every day.

Dr. Laidlaw infected ferrets with virus, and then he cured them with injections. He found they were then immune from influenza for three months.

The three doctors worked at the germ farm of the National Institute

### KERMIT ROOSEVELT

London, Apr. 16.

Mr. Kermit Roosevelt has rejoined the British army as major. He reported to his regiment to-day.

Mr. Roosevelt, a naturalised Briton, was appointed commandant of the British force intended for Finland—United Press.

## Wants War Brides Curbed

MEMBERS of influential church circles are considering ways and means of restraining young couples under twenty-one from entering an irresponsible war marriage.

Figures show that the number of boy and girl marriages has trebled since war began.

But while the older type of clergy is supporting the movement to control such marriages, the younger ones take the opposite view.

Daily throughout Britain, it is stated, young people—many in their teens—are marrying into a future which may be filled with poverty and heartbreak.

War makes marriage possible for the youth who previously could not afford to wed for four or five years.

But many of the clergy feel that with no domestic responsibilities during war-time he will return to a world where his earning capacity is still pre-war.

Should Conscript Wed?

With his trade only half learned, the young husband would have to keep a wife, and maybe children, on a few shillings.

"Where a man can afford to marry and knows that when he gets back he will be able to support a family, then obviously the Church has no objection," said a Burnley vicar.

The Rev. H. Battye, bachelor vicar of St. Catherine's Church, Burnley, is the champion of youthful marriages.

"Good luck to the youngsters," he said. "You will find that the marriage will not turn out as the pessimists think."

"Marriage keeps the young man straight while on active service."

Slump in Ireland

In Ireland, on the other hand, prominent Church dignitaries are becoming alarmed about the "appalling decline" in the marriage and birth rates, which are the lowest for twenty years.

Social workers assert that if steps are not taken immediately to launch a marriage crusade throughout the country, the Irish race at home will gradually die out.

How best the Roman Catholic Church can give a lead in promoting a successful marriage drive may be discussed at a meeting of all the Irish hierarchy.

## NAZI RAID ON CZECH EGGS

Poultry owners in the protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia must in future sell all eggs to the Government, except the produce of one chicken to every two people in the household.

Official decree to this effect has been issued in Prague. It will mean the end of the "black egg market" by which some Czechs have been able to maintain their egg consumption above the official ration of one egg per person a fortnight.

## MRS. 'Conchie'

STOCKPORT.

MRS. A. E. LAWTON, of Queen's-road, Chendale Hulme, Cheshire, refused to take an evacuee child.

Her reason, given in a letter to the local council: "As a Christian, I have very strong views about war and really feel I must not take part in anything to do with war."

Mrs. Lawton's husband was fined £5 at Stockport for failing to take the child.

Mr. E. Barlow, prosecuting, said that the law, while recognising Christian conscientious objection to take part in war, did not recognise a conscience which refused to shelter innocent children.

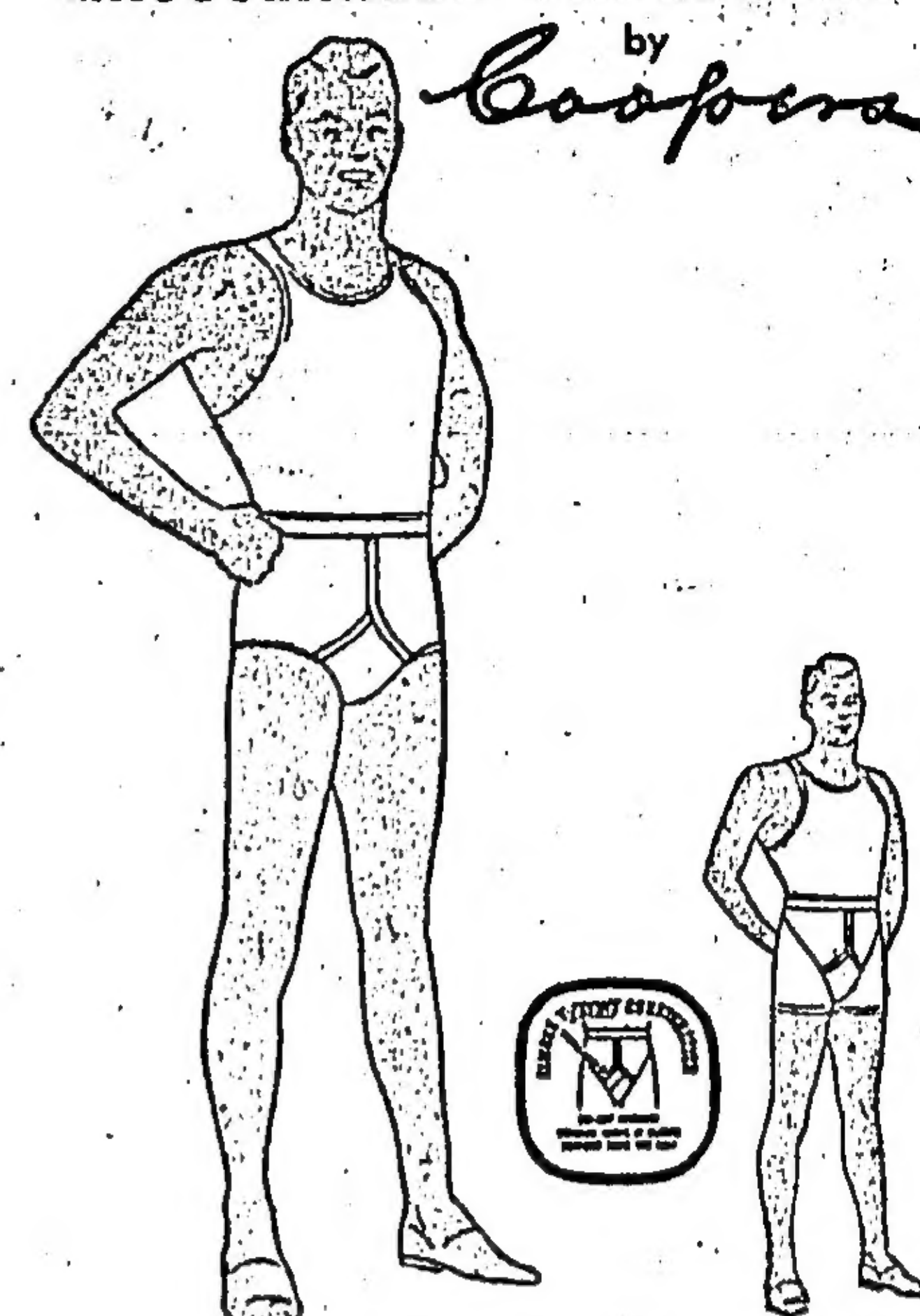
The husband, in a letter to the council, wrote: "This is the German method of force, and contrary to British justice. However, God is on my wife's side, and she is convinced that she is right."

## THE BEAR SAW RED—

ANIMAL trainer Albert Keen hadn't time at Earl's Court circus to change from the red clothes he wears for the elephants to the brown he puts on for the bears.

A Himalayan bear, seeing red, bit him in the arm. He finished the show, then went to hospital.

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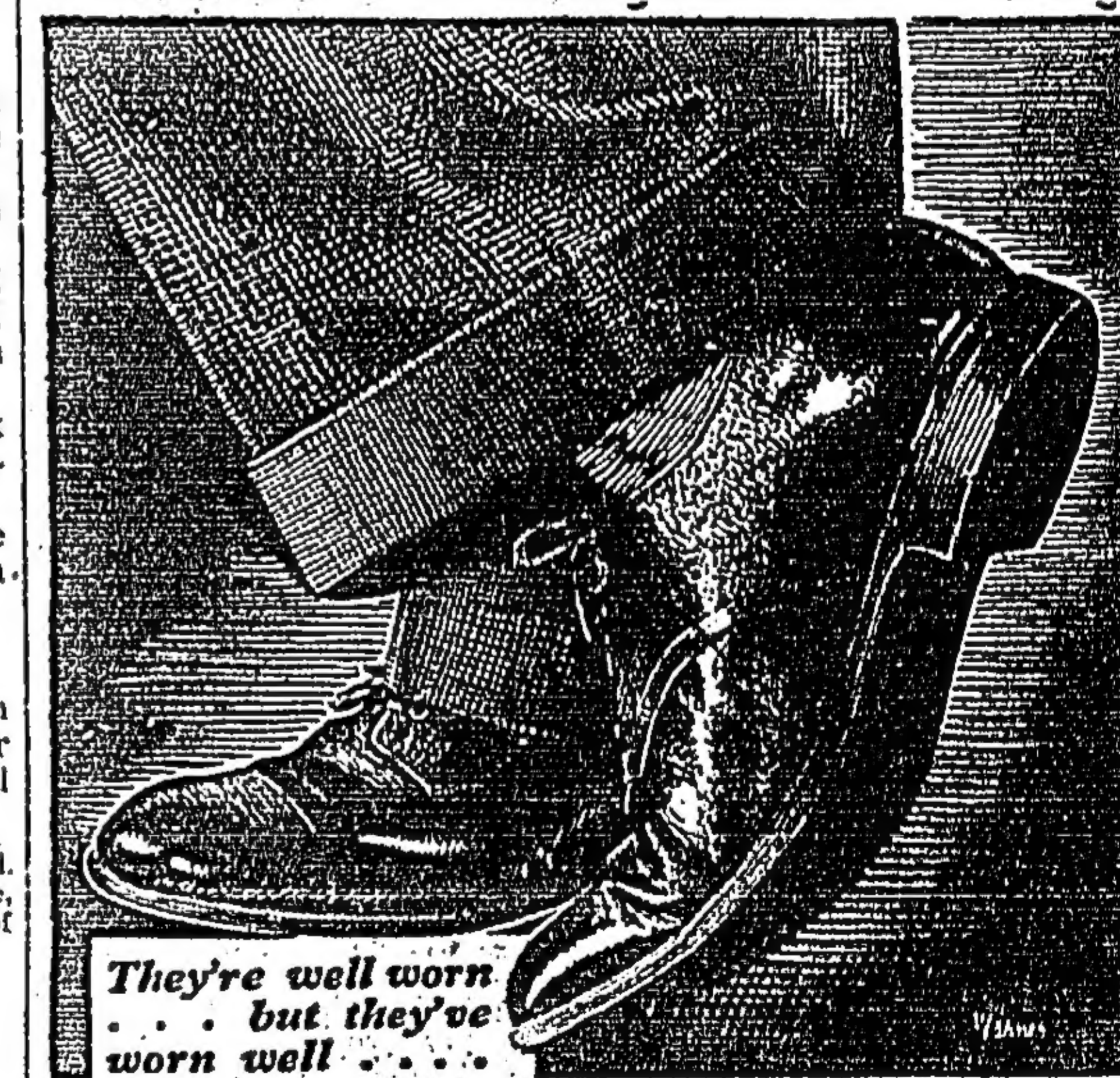
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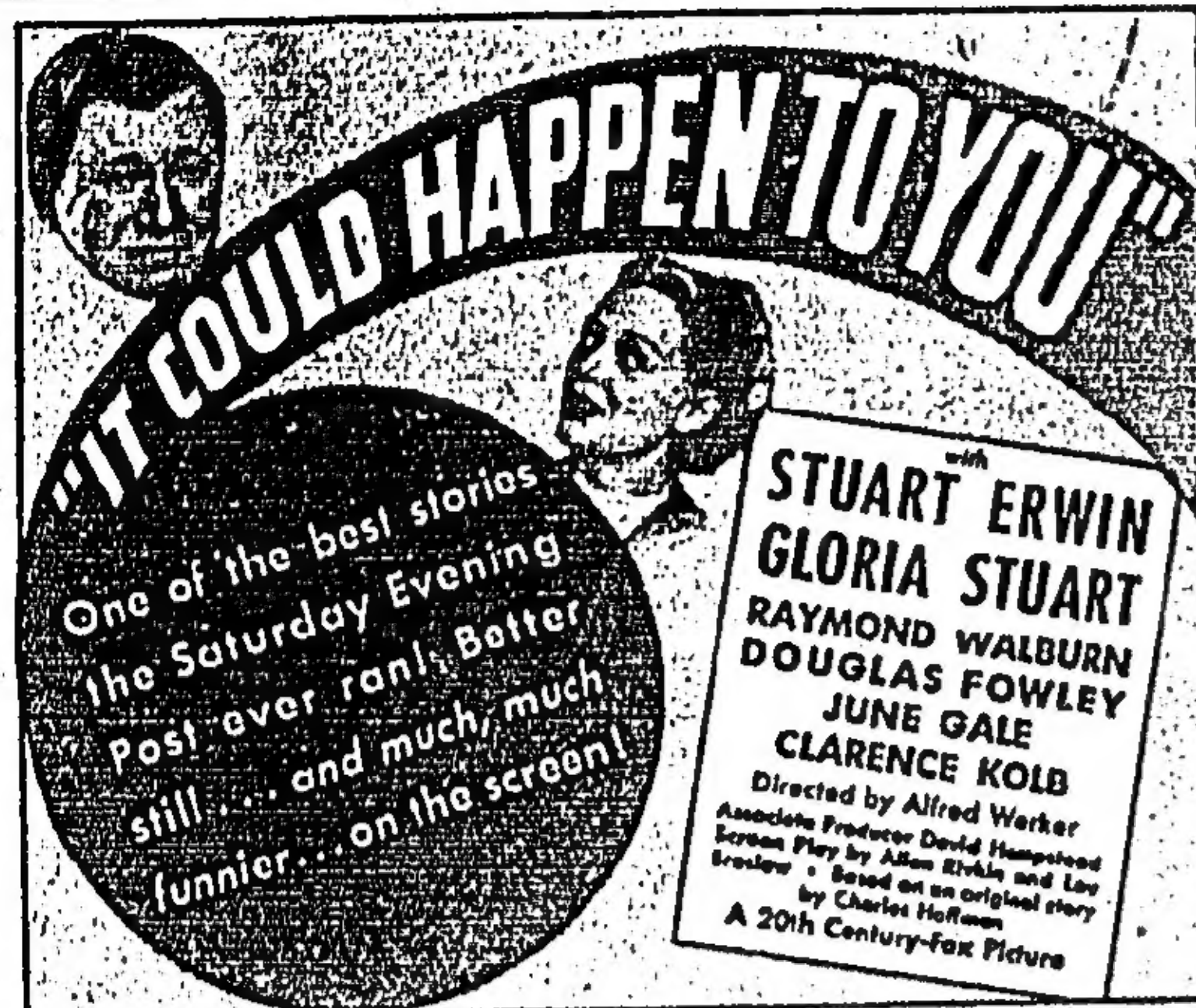




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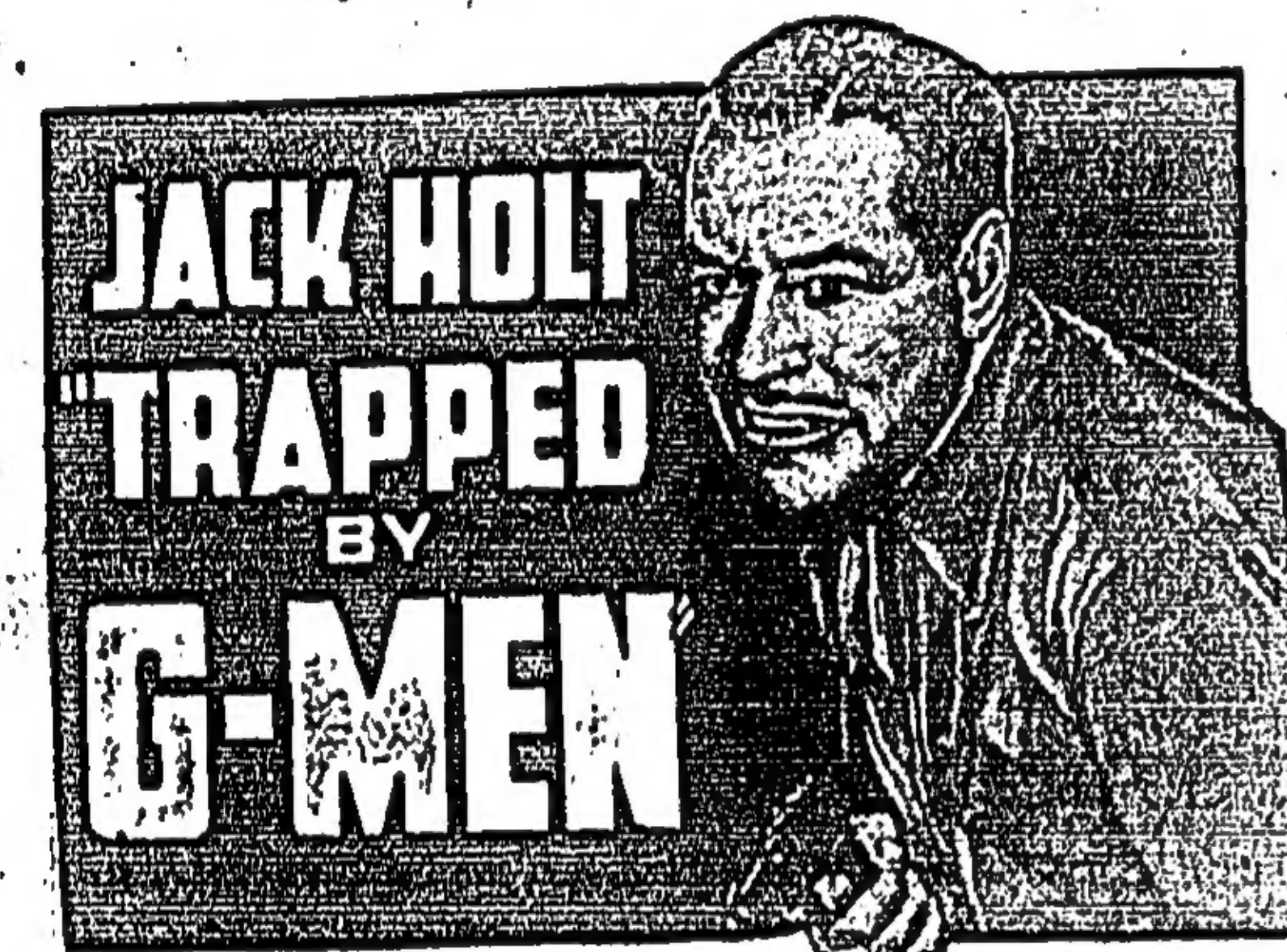
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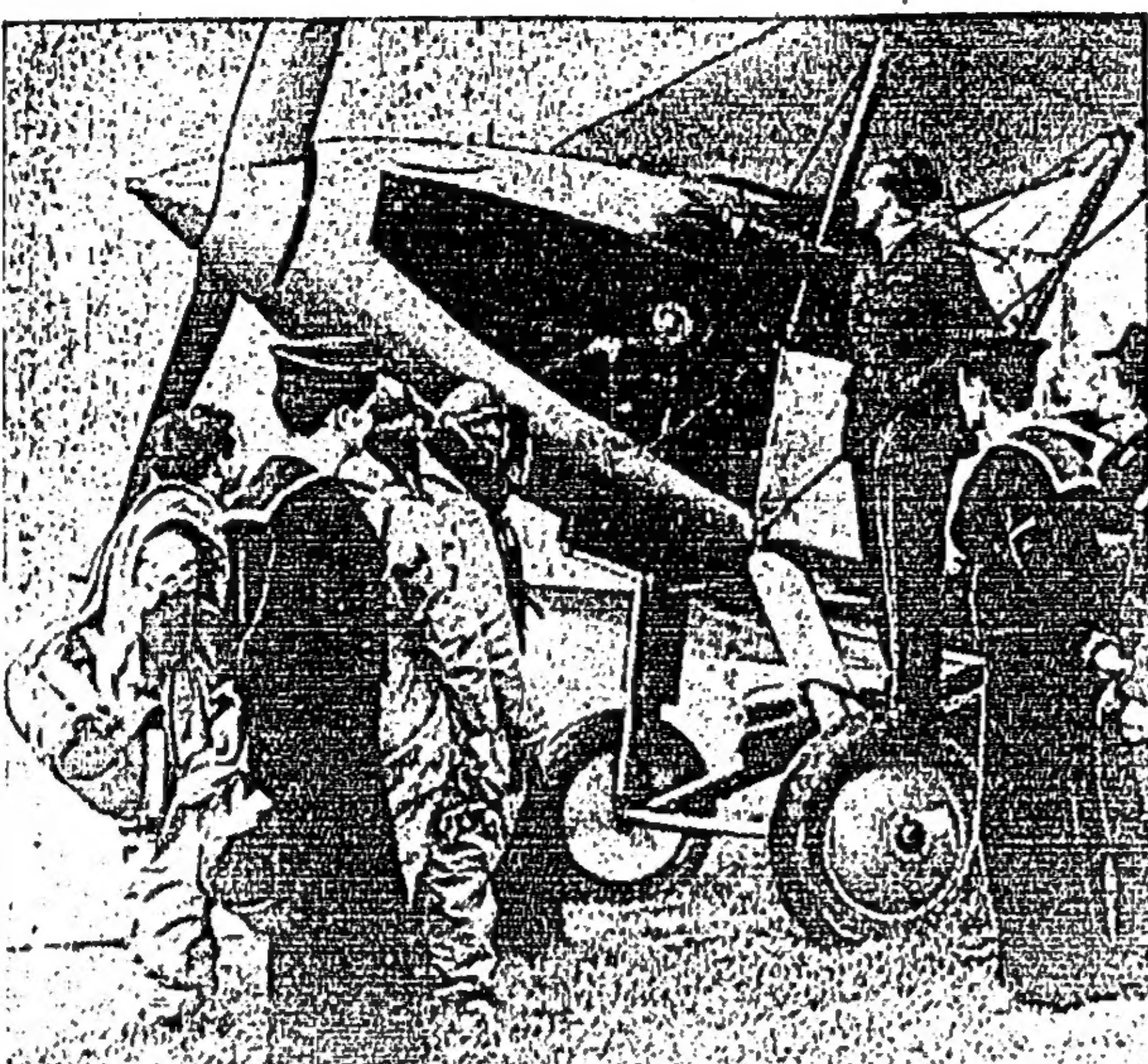
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### REBUKE FOR BISHOP

Dangerous War Views

BRIGHTON. The attitude to the war of the Bishop of Chichester, Dr. Allen Bell, was criticised by Earl Winterton when he addressed a meeting at Shoreham.

He said that the most dangerous class of people who, by the speeches or writings, minimised the moral strength of our cause, comprised some men prominent in Church and State. They were dangerous because their methods were more subtle.

"I should not be honest," continued Earl Winterton, "if I did not say that I fear I must include our own Bishop, whose spiritual leadership in things belonging to God I, as a Churchman, honour and respect, but who is a most unwise guide in matters belonging to Caesar."

Speaking in the House of Lords in December Dr. Bell said that those who favoured a fight to the bitter end should weigh what it meant. The only benefits would be to the forces of Atheism and Communism, and that was why the offer of mediation by the King of the Belgians and the Queen of Holland should be welcomed.

### No Help Wanted Thank You!

Holland And Her East Indies Possessions

AMSTERDAM, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—Suggestions regarding foreign help for Holland's overseas possessions should the Mother Country be invaded are firmly rejected in responsible circles.

Should Holland be over-run, the East and West Indies will simply be the part of Holland that has not been conquered, it is stated. The "Telegraph" writes: "Should unexpected events in Europe result in breaking the connection with the Netherlands' Indian Government, the latter is quite capable of continuing to administer the Indies without help or protection. The East Indies possess a fleet and army, whose strength it will be unwise for any power to under-rate."

### SUPERIOR U.S. WAR PLANES

WASHINGTON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—American-made combat planes delivered to the Allies have brought out Germany's finest aircraft and have demonstrated their superiority over the comparable European types, according to an official statement from the Navy Department to the Senate Naval Committee.

The planes referred to are slower and less modern in design than the best American planes which are now available for purchase by the Allies.

### French Senate's Secret Session

PARIS, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—After a short adjournment, the Senate went into a secret session to-day on the Army Committee report. The session will continue to-morrow on the Air and Navy Committee reports, and conclude with a public vote on a motion of confidence.

### Rush To Fight For Norway

Thousands Offer Aid In London

LONDON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—So many applications for enlistment in the Norwegian forces have been received by the Norwegian Legation here that a special depot is to be opened to-morrow to deal with them.

An official of the Legation stated that at the moment it was only possible to register volunteers who, he understood, could be of any nationality.

They hoped, he said, later to devise a scheme in association with British officials for using the men's services.

A number of Norwegian pilots are already serving on British warships.

### MUSSOLINI WILL MAKE SPEECH

ROME, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—Signor Mussolini may refer to the question of peace or war in the speech he is expected to make here on Saturday morning on the occasion of the second report of the Commissioner-General for the exhibition in Rome in 1942.

Speaking on the occasion of the first report last year, Il Duce declared that if the Fascist Government had entertained any thoughts of war, it would not be proceeding with the gigantic labour of a world exhibition.

### Meeting Postponed

ROME, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—Postponement of Saturday's meeting, at which Signor Mussolini was to have spoken is now confirmed.

While newspaper headlines have continued to affirm that Germany is consolidating her positions in Norway, the British communiqué announcing the landing of forces is given the honour of a bold heading in most papers.

The "Giornale d'Italia" states that it is not possible for a few days to give a true account of the respective naval losses of the Allies and Germany.

The "Tribuna" develops the theme and says: "Let us wait, therefore, for a stabilisation of the military situation, to which, it seems, will be linked the final collapse of the first line of the naval blockade."

### I.C.S.N. PROFIT AND DIVIDEND

The Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited, announces that, after providing for all expenditure the net profit of the ships for 1939 is £20,230, with the carry forward of £20,051, the net gain on two ships sold of £18,305 and £20 for transfer fees the total figure at the credit of Appropriation Account is £64,623.

The Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held on May 30 when, if shareholders approve, the following appropriations will be made:

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### THEN ESCAPES

PARIS.

THE ex-gendarme Robert Chartiers, who, after confessing he had murdered a woman by means of a hypodermic syringe filled with poison, leaped from a window of the police station in Chartres and escaped, is being hunted in Paris, where he is believed to be masquerading in his old uniform.

Several years ago Chartiers fell in love with a pretty divorcee in Chartres. Her sixty-two-year-old mother, Mme. Hubin, thought he acted queerly at times, and frowned on the match.

### Listened, Then—

One night in January 1937 Chartiers brought the daughter home, but after she had gone into the house remained near the door to listen. He heard Mme. Hubin upbraid the girl, and, he said, decided to kill her.

He had always been interested in chemistry, and had a small laboratory at the home of his father, a music professor. Filling a syringe with poison, he slipped into Mme. Hubin's house, grabbed her while her back was turned and shot the injection into the region of her heart.

She died almost instantly, he told the police. Then he went home and calmly wrote in a notebook every detail of what he called his "perfect crime."

Mme. Hubin's death was officially attributed to heart failure. When war came Chartiers was mobilised.

### Anonymous Note

Last week, when he was at home on leave, the police received an anonymous letter that he had killed two people with poison and a syringe.

The chief of police went to Chartiers' home, but found nothing in his laboratory. Just as he was leaving he overheard the man whisper to his sister "I threw the poison in the courtyard."

There the police found three tubes of prussic acid and the syringe, and Chartiers confessed that he had murdered Mme. Hubin. But he denied he had killed a second person.

The police, however, say he confessed to having planned to poison his commanding officer and two other men in the army by means of his poison needle.

### Left Friends--Kills Baby

A WIFE who was depressed because she could not live near her friends killed her two-year-old daughter and committed suicide.

The woman, Margaret Jane Parker, thirty-one, was found by her husband on his return from work, in her bathroom at Darners-road, Dorchester, Dorset. She and her baby, Jane Valerie, were lying on cushions—dead.

Mrs. Parker had gassed Jane Valerie and herself after having sent her other three children to school.

The story was told at the inquest at Dorchester when Mr. Parker told the coroner that his wife had been upset since they moved.

"All her friends were at Weymouth," he said. "She had been depressed, but I thought she was getting over it."

"On the night before she had been very happy."

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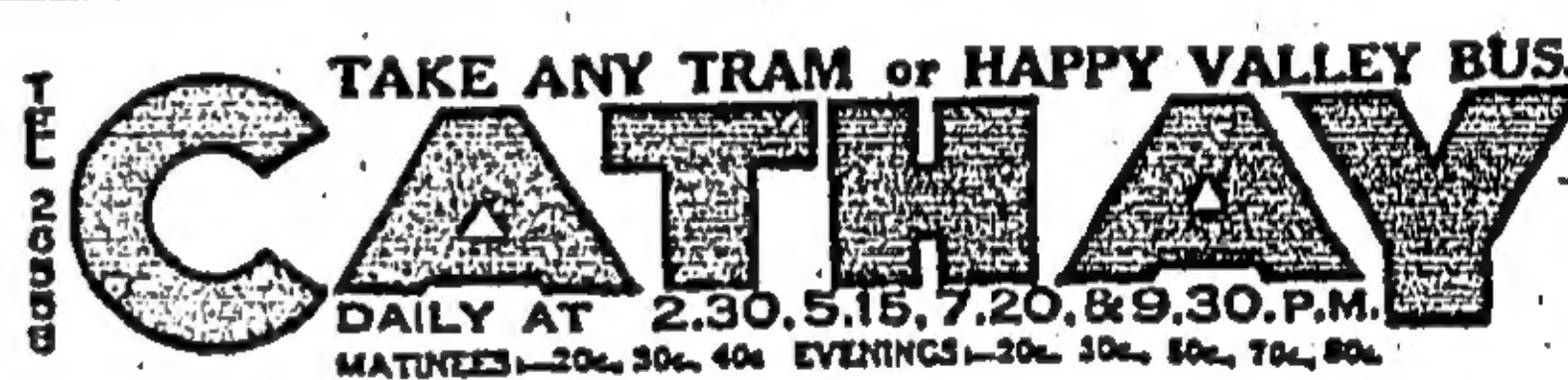
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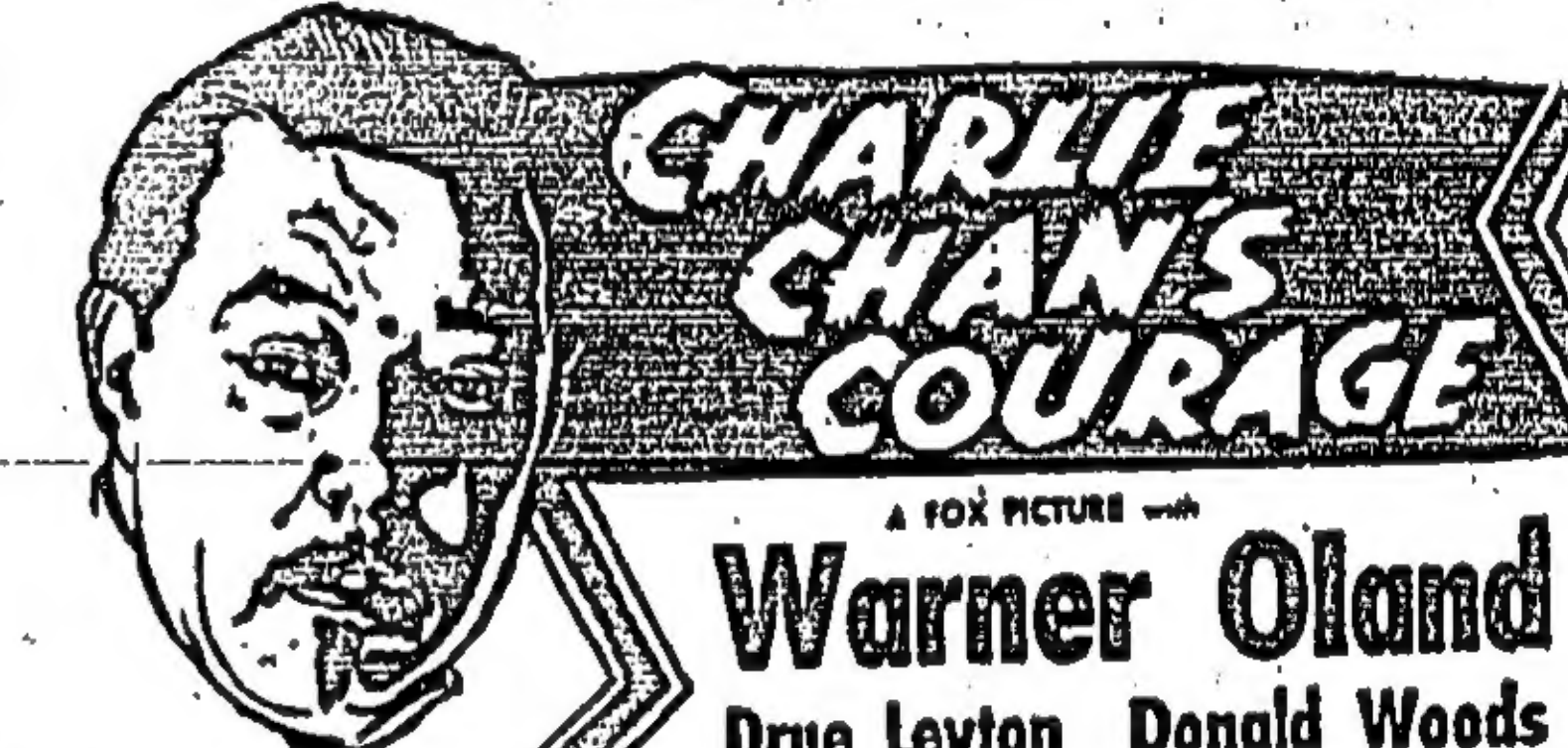


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SIR Neville was present at  
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**Luxembourg's  
New Fears**

BRUSSELS, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—  
According to reports from Namur,  
many inhabitants of Luxembourg fear  
that an attack may be directed against  
Namur.

It is reported that the Germans  
have put out 21 long pontoons in the  
Moselle and a large number of  
German "tourists" have recently  
entered Luxembourg.

**NAZIS BUILD MORE  
BATTLESHIPS**

WASHINGTON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—Germany completed two  
new battleships recently and is building four more, according  
to a Navy Department statement to the Senate Naval Com-  
mittee, which contends that the battleship remains the backbone  
of the fleet.

The naval authorities further  
opined that Germany's preponderance  
of air power had not seriously affect-  
ed Britain's control of the world sea  
lanes.

## French Premier, On Hitler's Personal Defeat, Says— "IRREPARABLE MUTILATION" OF NAZI FLEET CONFIRMED

### NAZI ENDEAVOUR TO CUT NORWAY IN TWO SHOWN

LONDON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—The Germans  
advancing from Trondheim appear to be trying to cut  
Norway in two, according to the Finnish Wireless.

They are reported to-night to be a few miles from  
Storlien on the Swedish frontier.

The Norwegians, however, are stated to be still  
holding the fortress of Hegre, east of Trondheim.

60,000 Troops Landed

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—  
The total number of German troops  
in Norway is estimated at 60,000,  
according to a report from the  
frontier, quoting "trustworthy  
sources."

Elverum Holding Out

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—  
The German column which thrust  
northward in the early hours of the  
invasion to intercept King Håkon  
and the Norwegian Government is  
still vainly attacking Elverum.

According to a dispatch from the  
Swedish frontier, Norwegian troops  
in the Elverum region are strongly  
placed on the bridges over the River  
Glomma.

Heavy snowfalls are impeding the  
German motorised units and, follow-  
ing the example of the Finns, Nor-  
wegian suicide patrols of skiers are  
harrassing the Germans and cutting  
their communications, while the  
civil population is assisting by hiding  
food supplies.

Decisive Battle Expected

Following the Norwegian with-  
drawal from Kongsvinger from  
which, according to the newspaper  
"Allehanden," the last Norwegian  
troops departed this morning, a de-  
cisive battle is expected shortly for  
possession of Elverum and Hamar.

In the extreme south-east, the  
Germans are reported to have oc-  
cupied the whole of Ostfold Pro-  
vince, and Norwegian troops are  
either crossing the Swedish frontier  
or are going north in an effort to  
contact the Norwegians holding the  
eastern defence line.

Using Parachutes

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
STOCKHOLM, Apr. 16 (UP).—  
The German Army is making in-  
creasing use of parachute troops in  
an effort to demoralise the Nor-  
wegians behind the front lines.

A Norwegian communique an-  
nounces that heavy German trans-  
port planes dropped parachute troops  
in several areas.

In each case, however, the Ger-  
mans were speedily surrounded and  
disarmed.

Many were machine-gunned as  
they dangled helplessly in the air in  
their parachutes.

Nazis Occupy Two Towns

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
STOCKHOLM, Apr. 17 (UP).—  
The Official Swedish News Agency  
reports an announcement by the  
Norwegian Government that the  
Germans have occupied the small  
towns of Moesedal and Hokedal.

The Norwegian communique claims  
that two German planes were shot  
down by Norwegian A.A. fire.

The situation in the Westland and  
Troendelag districts is unchanged.

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 17 (UP).—  
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the "Daily Mail" reports an un-  
confirmed rumour that Heinrich  
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PARIS, Apr. 16 (UP).—"The Allies have won  
a smashing victory in Norway and have really  
mutilated the German Fleet," the French Premier  
announced in the Senate to-day.

He added that the Allied seizure of Narvik was  
"an immense moral and personal defeat for Hitler."

"In the past week Germany has lost 30 per cent. of  
her ships of the line and has had damaged 20 per cent. of  
her cruiser strength," M. Reynaud declared.

"Also 25 per cent. of her destroyers have been sunk  
and 15 per cent. of her destroyers are damaged. In  
addition she has lost 78,000 tons of merchant shipping,  
either sunk, scuttled or captured.

HITLER'S GREAT MISTAKE

"As a result of the occupation of Narvik, the Ger-  
man's iron ore route has  
been cut.

"Hitler was mistaken when he  
believed that a small neutral  
power would not resist. He  
took the King of Norway to be  
another Hacha."

The Senate held a 20 minute  
secret session before they ad-  
journd.

Irreparable Mutilation

PARIS, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—"After  
eight days of fighting, the first result  
is a massive, irreparable mutilation  
of the German fleet," declared M. Paul  
Reynaud, the French Premier, speak-  
ing to-day in the Senate.

"Its losses amount to 30 per cent.  
of its heavy tonnage damaged, 20 per  
cent. of its cruisers sunk, 26 per cent.  
of its destroyers sunk and 15 per cent.  
of its destroyers damaged without  
counting several U-boats sunk."

"The second result is that 78,000  
tons of German merchant shipping  
was sunk or captured during the  
same period."

M. Reynaud added that the loss of  
Allied merchant shipping in the same  
period was nil.

"The third result," he went on, "is  
that the iron ore route to Germany  
has been cut."

Enormous Setback

"The fourth is the enormous set-  
back for Germany and a defeat not  
only for her navy but also for her  
propaganda."

After a moving reference to King  
Håkon, who, M. Reynaud declared,  
refused to be another Professor  
Hacha (of Czechoslovakia), M. Rey-  
naud turned to Page 2.

### U.S. HAVE THE BEST PLANES

What Nazi Pilots Are  
Up Against

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Apr. 16 (UP).—  
"American planes supplied to the  
Allies are out-fighting the finest  
machines in the German Air  
Force," said Admiral Harold  
Stark, Chief of the U.S. Naval  
Operations Board, during his  
testimony before the Senate  
Naval Affairs Committee to-day.

This fact has been established even  
though the Allies so far have used  
only standard models of U.S. war-  
planes.

Four new models have just been  
released for purchase by the Allies,  
who are reported to have already  
ordered 5,000 machines. These four  
models are said to be the speediest  
in the world, each capable of over  
400 m.p.h., as compared with the  
Messerschmitt 110's 365 m.p.h.  
and the Spitfire's 375 m.p.h.

"American bomb sights are superior  
to anything any foreign air force  
possesses," Admiral Stark added.

He told the Committee that, despite  
the power and destructive force of  
modern bombers and bombs, events  
in Europe had disclosed that the  
battleship was still the backbone of  
defence.

"A heavy bomb is certainly less  
potent than a heavy shell," he  
declared.

German Military  
Mission To Italy

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Apr. 16 (UP).—A German  
military mission arrived here to-day  
and was welcomed by high Italian  
military officials.

### BRILLIANT R.A.F. RAIDS ON NAZI BASE IN NORWAY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, APRIL 16 (UP).—IN THE SEVENTH  
RAID IN SIX DAYS ON THE NEW NAZI AIR BASE  
OUTSIDE STAVANGER, WAVES OF ROYAL AIR  
FORCE BOMBERS TO-DAY DROPPED HUNDREDS  
OF HIGH EXPLOSIVE AND INCENDIARY BOMBS  
ON THE AIRDROME IN BRIGHT MOONLIGHT  
WEATHER WHICH CONTRASTED WITH THE  
SNOWSTORMS AND RAIN SQUALLS WHICH AC-  
COMPANIED THE PREVIOUS RAIDS.

To-night's raid lasted for  
some hours.

As the British machines  
turned from home, the rear  
gunners had magnificent  
views of two large fires  
caused by the burning  
hangars and grounded Nazi  
machines.

In addition to firing the  
German planes, the British  
airmen pitted the runways  
with craters.

Among the buildings fired by  
incendiary bombs was the air-  
drome control tower.

All the British machines returned  
safely to their bases, despite the ring  
of steel from anti-aircraft guns which  
rose above Stavanger.

The DNB (Official German News  
Agency) refers to the latest British  
raid as "another attack on the open  
city of Stavanger," a report which  
any person who has visited Stavanger  
will dispute, since the airport is well  
away from any inhabited area.

The DNB report adds that "several  
private homes were hit and a number  
of Norwegian civilians killed."

Referring to the British claim that  
several grounded Nazi planes had  
been destroyed, DNB says that "one  
bomb fell on the edge of the airport  
and hit two old type Norwegian  
planes, which were set afire."

"Beyond several hits on the landing  
field which can be immediately  
smoothed out, there was no particular  
damage," DNB claims.

Brilliant Work

LONDON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—  
Additional details of the raid on  
Stavanger show the aerodrome was  
subjected to intensive air attacks  
for over an hour.

Aircraft arriving on the scene after  
the raid had begun were able to  
identify their target when many  
miles out at sea from the fires which  
had been started in earlier attacks.

Over Stavanger a red glow suffused  
the sky and aircraft could be seen  
PLEASE Turn To Page 2.

### Japan's Sly Threat

U.S. Not Uneasy About  
Dutch East Indies

WASHINGTON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—  
Considerable interest is aroused in  
official circles by Mr. Hachiro Arita's  
"hands-off" statement with regard  
to the Dutch East Indies, but this  
feeling does not amount to un-  
easiness.

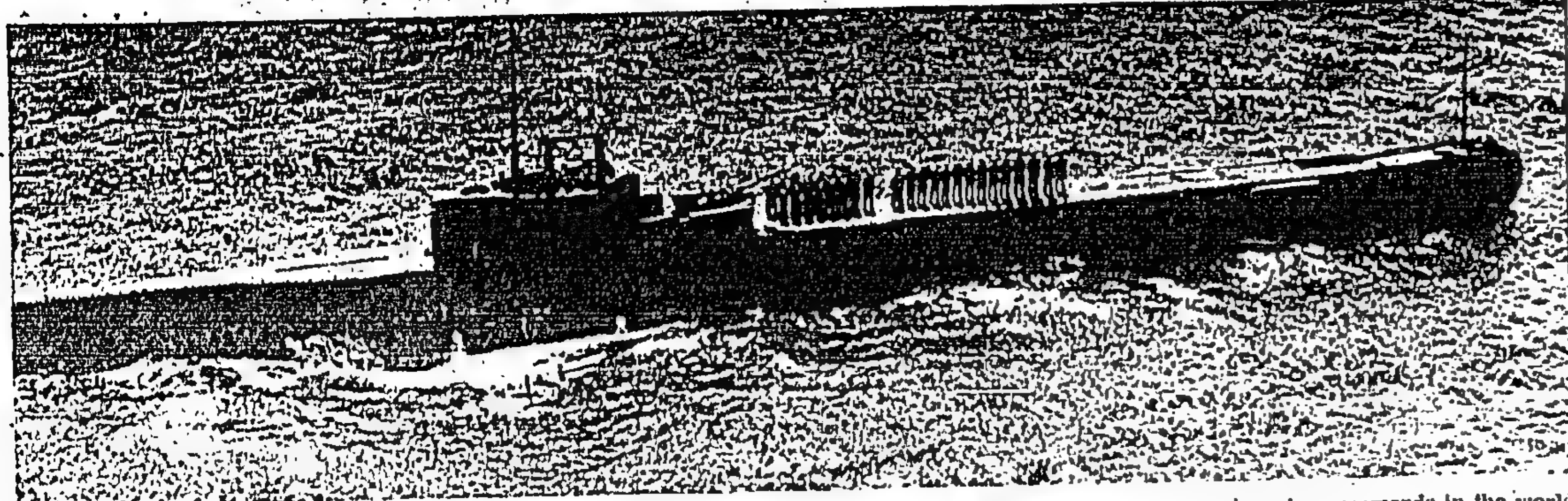
It is generally felt that Japan will  
think twice before running foul of  
the French and British in the Far  
East in the event of Holland be-  
coming involved in war.







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**BRITISH** submarines challenge the enemy in her own waters. Some do not come back.

Honour the men who go under the sea. Until the Norwegian invasion there has been little talk in this war of British submarines. They are the most silent ships of the "Silent Service"—known among men of the Royal Navy as "the trade." In the last war they were rarely mentioned in official Press reports.

The service has been dubbed "the Trade" since the early days when smart crews of surface ships chose this name to describe the gallant men in grease-stained overalls and grimy cheeks who manned these "crazy" submersibles. The name—now glowing with a tradition of honour—remains.

But there is still reticence in naval circles when British submarines are spoken of.

ADMIRAL S. S. Hall, who commanded the service for the greater part of the last war,

## The men who go under the sea

gives what is probably the best explanation. He says in a preface of William Guy Carr's book "By Guess and By God":

"For the period of the Great War (1914-18) and for some years after the very word 'submarine' was repugnant to us. Think of it! With the largest armada the world has ever seen at anchor in Scapa, with an auxiliary patrol of some 4000 vessels specially equipped for anti-submarine patrols, and with the assistance of the whole of the world's navies excepting those of Germany and Austria, we steadily lost 130 vessels per month from enemy submarine action. In the active period of submarine warfare the average sinkings were six per diem."

That was the view of the man who was in charge of all British submarines—expressed 12 years after the Great War had ended.

HIS bitterness would not find the same cause in the war against Nazism to-day but the hurt and injury to the men of his service still endures.

Not one enemy or neutral civilian lost a life in the last war—nor so far in this war—as a result of hostile action by a British submarine.

submarine commands in the world. From the Thames class of 1800 tons with a surface speed of 22 knots down to the 1918-built "H" class of a little over 400 tons with a cruising speed of 14 knots, there are over 70 vessels commissioned in "the Trade."

The British submarines have two main activities: (1) They accompany the fleet—that is large capital ships on reconnaissance or in action; (2) they explore enemy waters on patrol searching out and attacking enemy surface ships, a task as dangerous as any in the world.

THE submarine is a creature of stealth, foremost in the line of fighting ships, always alone.

Small bands of men steadfast and courageous, must have unswerving loyalty and trust in their commander on whom alone the success and safety of the ship depends.

The British submarine is the only ship of the Royal Navy which cannot sail proudly under her own colours in home waters in time of war.

I spent some hours recently aboard a destroyer at work in the English Channel on the Dover Patrol.

"We can't let a submarine move in our waters without a destroyer escort," an officer confided to me. "They would be attacked at once without challenge if there was not a surface vessel accompanying to give the recognition signal. A lone submarine to us is just another U-boat to be exterminated as quickly as possible."

"The Trade," he added after a pause, "is a tricky business." Furthermore, the Navy knows that it isn't gunfire and depth charges that deal death to the men of the submarine service. The E-boat, the M-2, the Thetis, all bear witness to the lurking danger of a service that takes its toll of life in peace-time as well as in war. But glory they have earned, and possess, though it is little known.

THE exploits of British submarines in the Dardanelles and the Sea of Marmora are famous to-day even if years passed before the gallant tales could be told.

Men such as Holbrook, Boyle, Nasmith, took her ships and stout-hearted crews through the treacherous minefields of the Straits in the first few months of the last war to cripple Turkish naval and contraband traffic. Each commander received the Victoria Cross and decorations were distributed among most of the crews.

To-day the submarines of the Royal Navy are back once more at action stations. They are gloriously carrying the tradition of "The Trade."

## SHORT SHORT STORY

### THE MAN WHO SIDE-TRACKED HIS BRAIN

"I KNEW a case," said the financier, "of a man with the most brilliant brains, who had finance at his finger tips."

"He was a man called Smuggs, utterly unknown of course. And I say 'of course,' because he never used his brains; or rather I should say he never made any use of them, which can be quite a different thing. He just side-tracked them, ran them down a siding that led nowhere; and he might have been as big a financier as any of us."

"Do you know what he did? Sit down and I'll tell you. He went and played chess. All the intellect that might have controlled, well, more than I can tell you; he wasted over a chessboard. "It came gradually at first; he used to play chess with a man during the luncheon hour, when he and I both worked for the same firm. And after a while he began to beat the fellow, which he never could do at first. "Then he joined a chess club, and some kind of fascination seemed to come over him; something like drink, or more likely poetry or music; but, as I was never addicted to any of the three, I can't say. Anyway it completely got hold of him and he began to lose interest in things. "He became a good player, there was no doubt of that, and he won a good many prizes. And the value of all the prizes he won in his life would have added up to about a hundred dollars. I've made a thousand times as much in an hour. And more than once. But that is all he ever got out of playing chess. "Why! That man could have handled millions. He did dabble a bit in finance, as I dabbled a bit in chess; in fact we started to gether in the same firm, as I told

you; but we both left our dabbings and went our different ways. "And his way led nowhere. He could have done it though; he could have been a financier. They say it's no harder than chess, though chess leads to nothing. I never saw such brains so wasted. "Well," said the warder, "I can't sit listening to you all day, but I see your point and I agree with it. There are men like that. It's a pity, but there are men just like it. "He locked the financier up for the night, and hurried back to his work. THE END

## INANITY FARE



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## Scandinavia Is In The News

### POPULATION

Strictly speaking, there are 13,014,000 Scandinavians, namely 3,725,000 Danes; 2,270,000 Swedes; 2,880,000 Norwegians; 117,000 Icelanders. The Finns, who from many points of view might be considered to belong to the same group, add 3,810,000 to the number.

### GEOGRAPHY

Geographically the Scandinavian lands are very large, but for the purpose of human habitation quite tiny. Sweden resembles a large Christmas stocking, with a little bit of candy in the toe; the rest of the people, Norway is a long belt with a tiny edge of land on one side and end; that land is the people. They inhabit parts of the shore and a few of the valleys. Denmark is a little more than half as big as Maine.

### GULF STREAM

There are the most northern civilised countries in the world and they would be barren, white wastes of snow and ice, were it not for the kindly Gulf Stream. The sweltering heat that Texas

and Louisiana experience in summer really heats up the Gulf Stream for Norway and Sweden.

### BOOKS

Country Life in Norway—by Axel H. Oxholm. The Gulf Stream, credited with enabling one-third of the people in this far-north, mountainous land to prosper on farms.

Farm-Labour Relations in Scandinavia—by Marcus W. Childs. Study of Scandinavian efforts to strike a balance between the standards of the farm and the city.

Social Problems and Politics in Sweden—in the Annals of The American Academy of Political and Social Science. Series of articles on Sweden's handling of a dozen or more social problems.

How the Scandinavians Do It—by Marcus W. Childs. In these northern European countries labour rules democratically despite left and right critics and neighbouring dictatorships.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Two armed bandits broke in here and escaped without buying a thing!"

## WHILE the great war rages, another ruthless war goes on at home. I mean the endless, desperate struggle to keep up with the neighbours.

The casualties are fearful, and ought to be a warning to the rest of us.

I DON'T know how modern the vice of living beyond one's means may be, but I do know that it has been going on as long as remember. And I know people who were doing it before I was born, and still are.

Most of them are extremely respectable. You would never think, looking at their curtained windows and their whitened doorsteps, that a pair of maiden sisters of my acquaintance were starving

themselves in order to keep up appearances.

For years they starved a maid, too, but she escaped in time to save her life, and now the old ladies do their own housework with the blinds down, and complain bitterly of the servant problem, which they regard as the curse of the modern age.

Their tragedy is that they do not really keep up appearances. All they keep up is a pretence so transparent that their neighbours know all about them.

But far from looking down on them, the neighbours admire them for the brave show they make. After all, they do not let the neighbourhood down by getting into the police courts.

The difference between such people as these and clerks who swindle their employers in order to keep up appearances is that the old

ladies are still trying to keep in the class they were born in, while the clerks are struggling to climb into a class above their own.

PASSING from one class to another is a full-time job. Nobody can do it and attend to business, too. It is much easier to become rich than to ape the rich successfully.

If I had a son I should say to him: "If you want to live as rich men do, the first thing to do is to make money. For God's sake don't try to do it until you have the wherewithal to get away with it. If you do try you will be found out sooner or later, and your fate will be dreadful."

He might argue: "But why

shouldn't I have a motor-car, cock-tails, and cigars?"

I should reply: "Nothing would please me more than to ride in my son's elegant limousine, smoking his cigars. If I could distribute the products of this earth, everybody would have motor-cars, cock-tails, cigars, and everything they wanted in that line."

There is surely no harm in wanting these things and trying to get them. Ambition is a good thing, and so is contentment. I do not care which of the two you choose, but you can't have both.

I think on the whole that contentment is preferable. Contented people cause other people little trouble, and have a pretty good time themselves. But ambitious people suffer terribly and often cause others to suffer.

ways in officers' messes, and made up his mind to step out of his class.

"If Hitler had realised where he belonged the world would have been spared much trouble. Because they made him paint houses instead of pictures his soul was filled with hatred."

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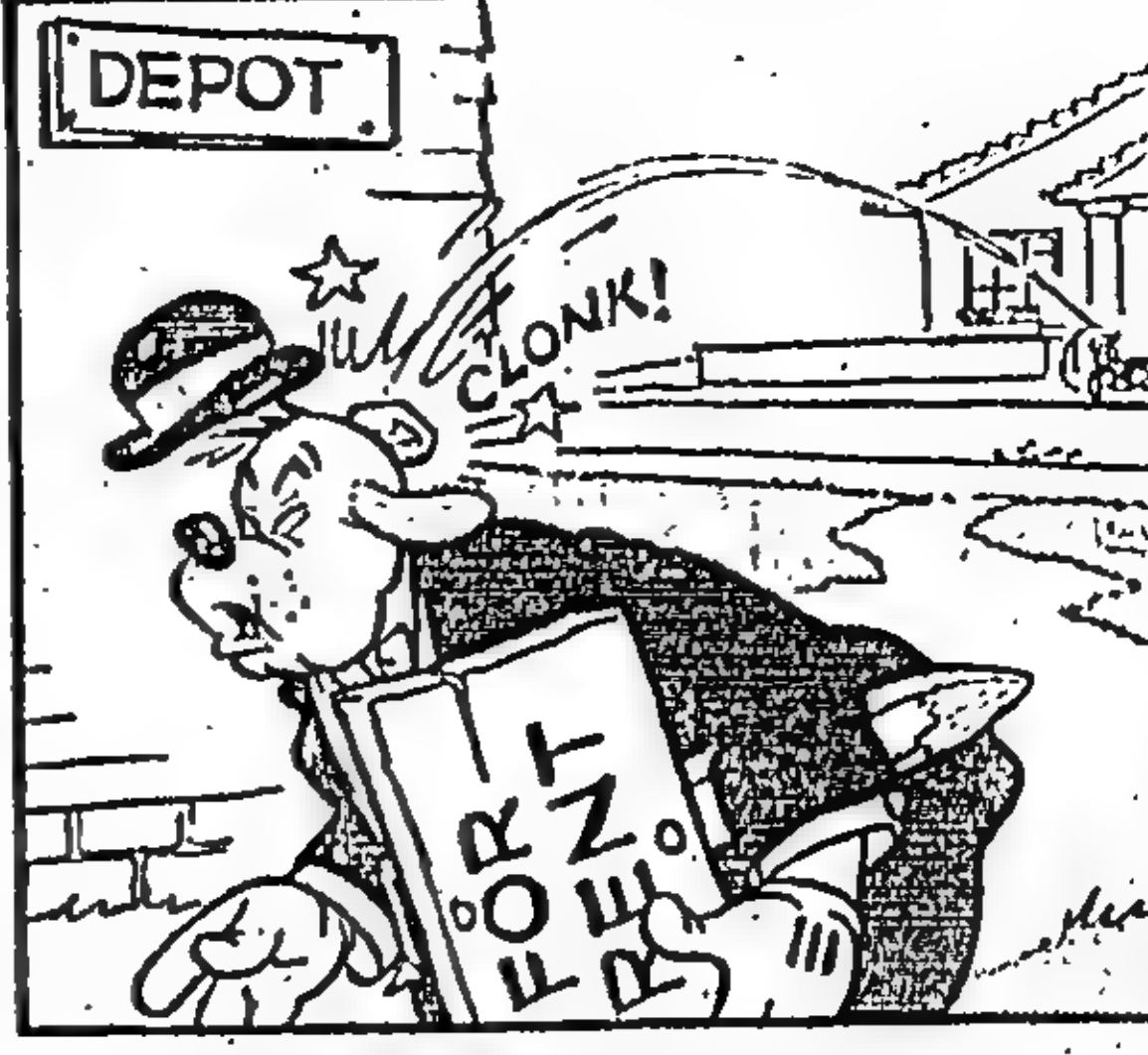
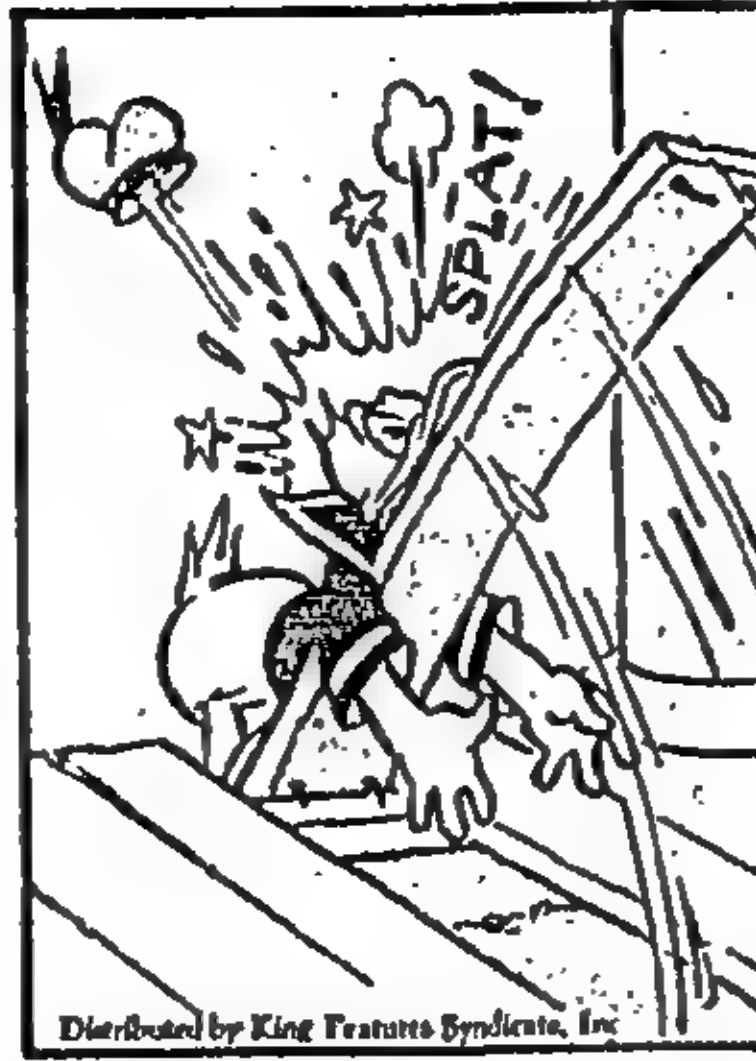
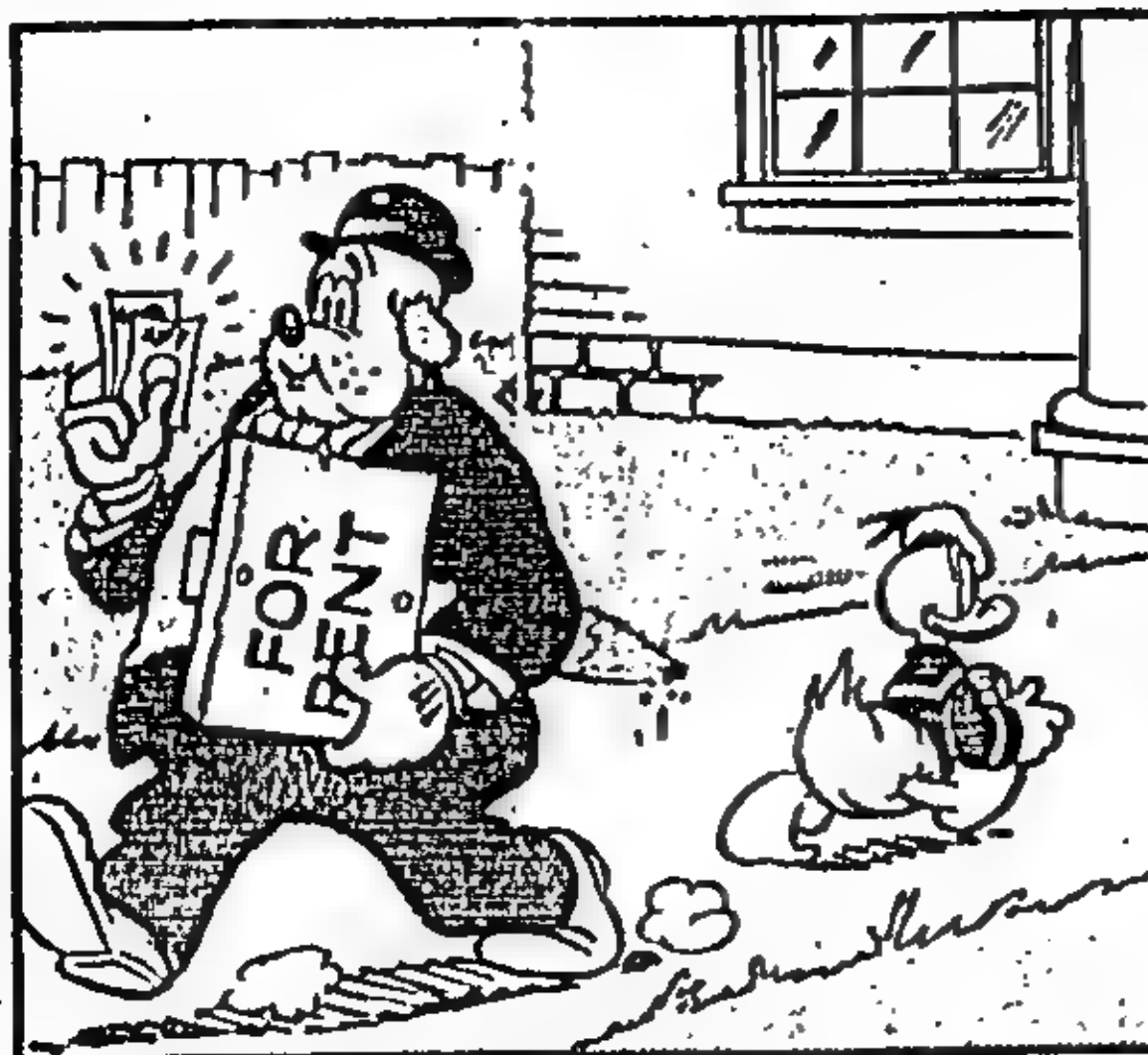
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## DET. HOOLEY—BEST MAN TO PRISONER

HALF AN HOUR before eighteen-year-old soldier James Essex and eighteen-year-old Ellen Corry were to have been married at Manchester register office James was in the police court.

### DIVORCE FROM DEAD HUSBAND

IN the Divorce Court a man was presumed dead and his wife granted a decree nisi.

The wife is Mrs. Rosa Lena Crose, of the Plough Hotel, St. Botolph, Colchester, Essex, whose husband, Mr. William Stuart Crose, disappeared in December, 1931.

Mr. and Mrs. Crose were married at Penning, Straits Settlements, in 1926, returning to England in 1930.

Mr. Crose became licensee of the Plough Hotel, and disappeared while his wife was absent from home. Despite two broadcast appeals there had been no trace of him.

Later, it was discovered that he owed sums amounting to £500.

A new and little-known provision in the Divorce Law enables a husband or wife to have the marriage dissolved on the ground that the other party to the marriage must be presumed to have died.

If the person has been missing for seven years or more, and the petitioner in that time has had no reason to believe the other has been alive, that is accepted as evidence that the missing person is dead.

Ellen was there, too. Listening to the story that her James had not returned to his infantry regiment when his leave was up.

Detective Hooley had arrested him. And when Ellen heard the magistrates order him to await an escort, she thought there would be no wedding.

But Detective Hooley explained a plan, and said he would go to the register office and "see the business through."

James and Ellen, and Detective Hooley and Detective Sergeant Clark walked to the register office in Princess-street—and Detective Hooley acted as best man, dutifully holding the ring.

Detective Sergeant Clark was a witness.

Then the wedding party walked back to the police court—James and Ellen arm and arm in front, the detectives a few yards behind, and following them, James' mother and Ellen's father.

They chatted outside the court, then Ellen, bride of half an hour, kissed James goodbye until next leave, and he went inside with his best man to await his escort back to the Army.

A petition for dissolution of the marriage may then follow, and later marriage will be legal if the petition is granted.

## £ s d of Rationed Petrol LONDON.

Because of petrol rationing 'one motorist in three' has not renewed his licence.

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## BILLET WIFE WORRIES LAW

WHEN an evacuated wife summoned her husband at Chertsey, Surrey, for alleged failure to maintain her, the chairman of the Matrimonial Court, Mr. H. Weller, remarked:

"A wife usually has to live with her husband, but the evacuation scheme seems to have knocked ordinary law on the head and we do not know where we are."

The wife was Janet Beers, of Pyrcroft-road, Chertsey. Her husband, Archibald Beers, of St. Dunstan's-road, Fulham, S.W., did not attend.

### His Two Homes

Mrs. Beers' case was that she had been evacuated to Chertsey since September and had previously lived at Greyhound-road, Fulham. They had two children.

Her husband, a general labourer, paid her £1 in September. She had been on relief since.

When she wrote to him for money her husband replied that he could not keep two homes going. They were not happy together when they were at home.

The case was adjourned.

## BOY WAS EVACUATED TO HIS HOME

By MARY WELSH

OXFORD. A MANCHESTER schoolboy who travelled to school by train from outside the city, arrived one morning to be evacuated. None of the boys knew where they were going. They formed up, marched into a train.

The train left Manchester. Next stop was the evacuation centre.

When the schoolboy put his head out of the window as the train stopped he was astonished to find he was back in his home town.

The boys lined up again, marched off to their billets.

The line stopped. In the street where the boy lived. He was allotted a billet in that street.

He told the billeting officer, who arranged for him to go home.

This story was told at the Oxford conference to-day of the Incorporated Association of Assistant Masters in Secondary Schools.

Schoolmasters at the conference denounced the Government, denounced evacuation, and protested against overwork and under pay for three hours to-day.

### 43 In One House

Mr. R. P. Trueblood, of Manchester, evacuated to Blackpool, jumped up from a front row chair, shouted: "I object to the Government's regulation of evacuation. They've proved they can't do it."

"They found unsuitable schools. They selected billeting officers, who made their own regulations to cover up their ignorance as to proper ones."

One of the teachers, who toted a grand piano around France on an Army lorry in the last war, was evacuated with his school to Blackpool when this one began. He said to me:—

"They sent us to professional landladies. One woman, in an averaged-sized house, took forty-three boys, expected them to sleep three in a bed. In another house I found eight boys sharing one bedroom."

"My wife and I and thirteen boys were bunched into one house. It's the first time in my life I've got out of bed at night to sit in a chair to rest. The beds were terrible."

## New Camp At Kai Tak

For People Evicted From Insanitary Hovels

Over 200 people have already set up their shelters in the new camp established by Government near the village at Ngau Tau Kok, beyond Kai Tak Aerodrome, for those who were recently evicted from unauthorised and insanitary hovels in Kowloon City, and who do not wish to return to Chinese territory or go to the Pat Heung refugee camp, or who have no funds to obtain accommodation in tenement buildings.

Of those who have moved into the new camp, many have re-started their small industries, such as weaving of hand towels, etc. The shelters built by the occupants themselves are on sites marked out by the medical authorities and are well spaced for proper ventilation.

Owing to the scarcity of matting, temporary permission has been given to the occupants to construct their shelters in tin, but there is every probability that this will be replaced by matting before the hot summer months, for the medical authorities are taking steps to devise a scheme for the loan of matting materials to be financed from private funds placed at their disposal for the benefit of this class of distressed people.

The authorities have furnished a satisfactory pipe-borne water supply from a protected spring in the hills, and adequate sanitary accommodation. It is interesting to note that the inhabitants of the neighbouring village appear to be so impressed with the latrine accommodation that they proposed to erect one for themselves on the outskirts of the village.

## SNOW BLANKETS A.R.P. SHELTER



This air raid shelter in North London had a heavy reinforcement of snow during the cold spell experienced in Britain and its steps almost disappeared under the drift.

# MY TWO YEARS WITH HITLER

BY

SIR NEVILLE HENDERSON

LATE HIS MAJESTY'S AMBASSADOR AT BERLIN



Sir Neville Henderson, P.C. G.C.M.G., Late His Majesty's Ambassador at Berlin.

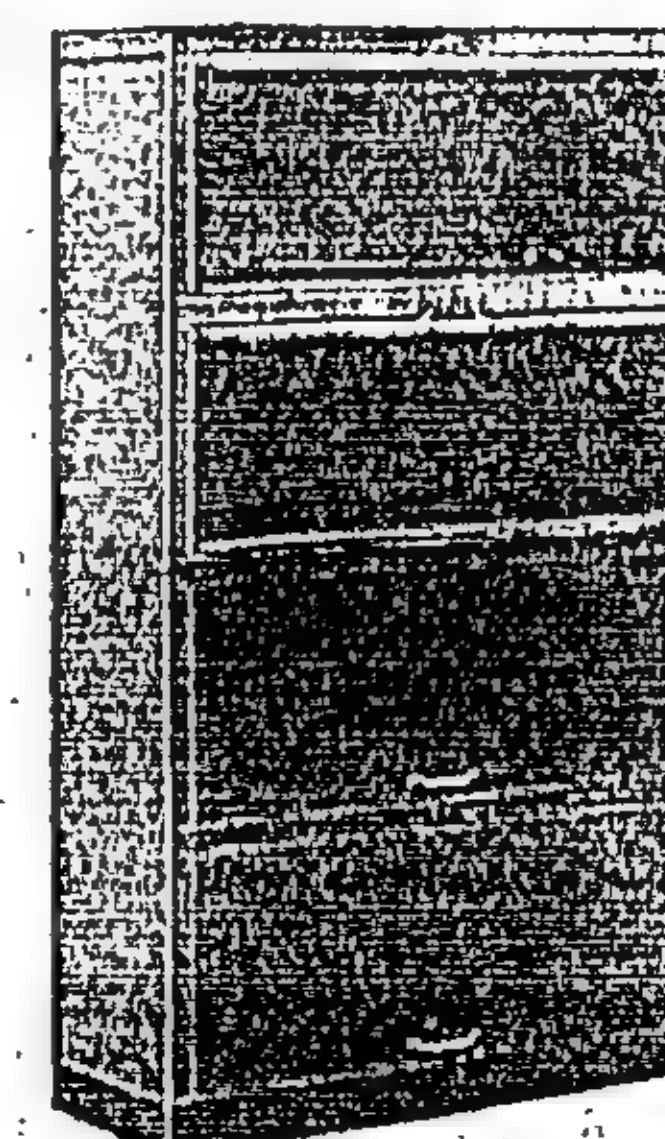
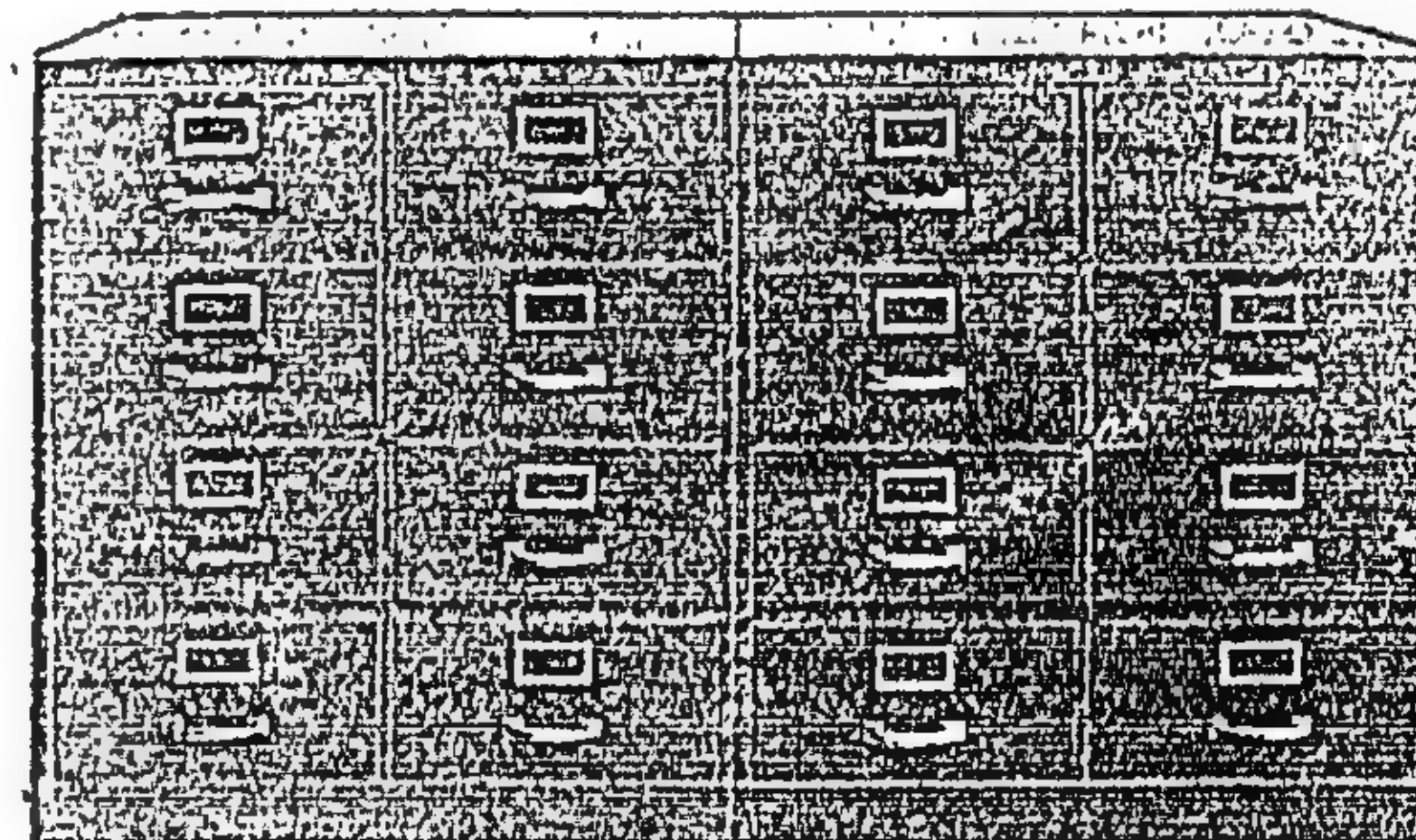
"... This is a people's War and therefore it is only right that the people themselves should be told the whole truth."

WITH these words Sir Neville Henderson, late His Majesty's Ambassador at Berlin, begins exclusively in the "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" on Monday next, his own first-hand account of what actually happened in Nazi Germany from the time he arrived in Berlin in April, 1937, to the fateful day of September 3, 1939. Here, PUBLISHED FOR THE FIRST TIME, is Sir Neville

Henderson's own story—simply and vividly written—of the tremendous events which led eventually to the outbreak of war. This is NOT a summary of an official document but a specially written personal narrative in which many new and important facts are disclosed. Hitler, Goering, Ribbentrop, Goebbels, Himmler—what manner of men are the masters of Nazi Germany? The Ruhr, Austria, Czecho-Slovakia, Poland! What really went on behind the scenes? Sir Neville Henderson now reveals to the world THE WHOLE TRUTH. This remarkable document—probably the most important ever to be published in a newspaper—will appear in the "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH"—starting on Monday, April 22.

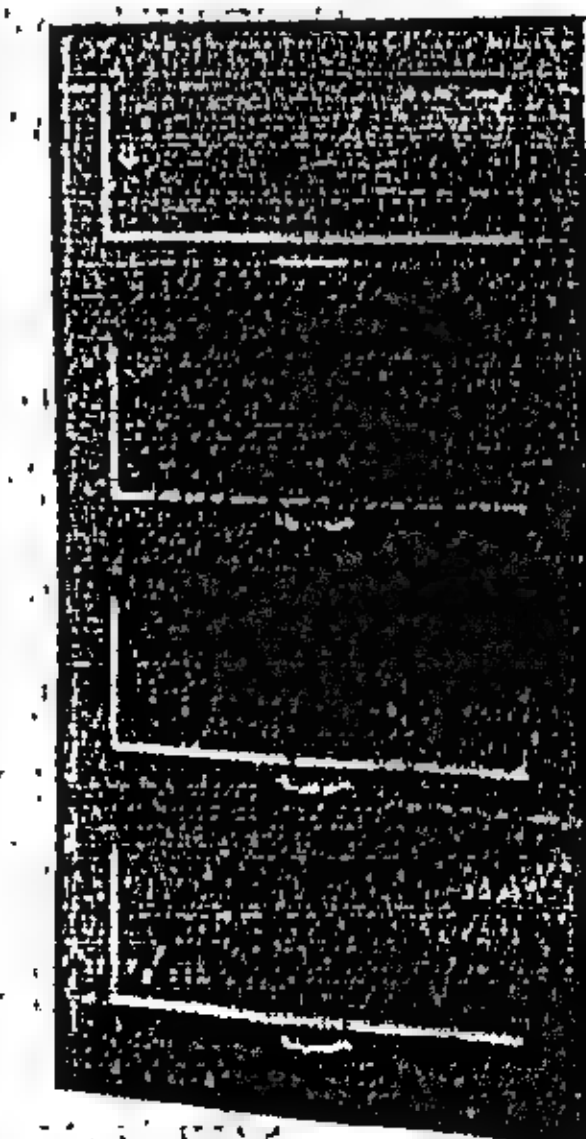
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## Russian Help To Nazis

WHATEVER self-gratulation the gramophone Nazi Press may indulge in, there is not likely to be much real rejoicing among German, higher circles about the trade agreement with Russia. The Soviet is a customer likely to break even the toughest heart—that is, the heart of a Nazi.

Some admirers (at a safe distance) of the new order in Russia had convinced themselves that the country's inveterate inefficiency had gone out with Tsardom. More cautious observers had their doubts, which were confirmed by all that happened in the Soviet aggression on Finland.

Moreover, it is no secret that Russia's response to German solicitations during the last eight months has been as disappointing in a material as in a military sense. Enough has happened to prevent Hitler from dreaming of speedy victory helped by Soviet resources. The Bear remains true to its nature—a clumsy, cumbersome animal whose intentions are not easy to divine.

An American authority who has made careful study of Russia's ability to help Germany with key material has put his conclusions briefly. If the present siege war lasts for two years without major battles, he says, so that there is a minimum expenditure of war materials in the field, and granted that Germany has time to accumulate war stocks and reorganise Soviet industry and transport, then Russian aid might well be decisive in determining the military outcome in the West. But in a short war of big offensives Russia cannot give decisive aid to Germany.

This looks like suggesting that time is on the side of the Nazis. But what hope have they of substantially reorganising Soviet industry and transport when so deeply committed to those tasks at home? Further, what prospect is there that the two brands of totalitarianism would amicably co-operate in the projected reorganisation? It seems much more likely that they would pull in opposite directions.

## FLARE-UP EXPECTED

## French Minister's West Front Warning

PARIS, Apr. 11 (Reuter).—The front might blaze up any day, said a War Ministry spokesman, giving a warning that "events in North Europe must not make us forget the front between the Moselle and the Rhine."

He added: "At various points we have observed indications of preparations for an attack."

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PARIS, Apr. 11 (Reuter).—PLEASE Turn To Page 2.

## Big German Offensive In West Predicted By French G.H.Q.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, APRIL 12 (UP).—THE BELIEF IS GROWING IN LONDON THAT A BIG GERMAN OFFENSIVE IS IMPENDING IN THE WEST.

Holland, and perhaps Belgium, are now thought with increasing conviction to be next in Hitler's blitzkrieg time-table.

Not merely amateur strategists but more and more experts are embracing the theory that the entire Scandinavian adventure, besides its immediate objectives, was designed as a

# If The Test Comes —will the generals start again where they left off last time?

THERE was another dawn raid in May twenty-five years ago. The same enemy after prisoners as they were in the B.E.F. raid last week.

Among things the enemy found in the raided French trench near La Ville, north of Rheims, was a document of apparent minor importance.

It was headed—"Construction of a Defensive Position," and contained a diagram like this.

It was signed by the French Fifth Army Commander. In routine fashion it went to Operations Section of the German Supreme Command (O.H.L.), whose chief was Colonel Fritz von Lossberg, described as the only "artist in war, if not the only personality worthy of the name who rose to responsible position in any belligerent army in 1914-1918." This is Captain G. C. Wynne's evaluation of von Lossberg, whom he makes the chief character in his book, "If Germany Attacks."

THIS was the backbone of the German Army's actions: "Defend the foremost line rigidly. Keep it heavily garrisoned in order to hold it at all costs." It necessitated packing troops so densely into the foremost line that it was exposed to Allied assault in these ways:—

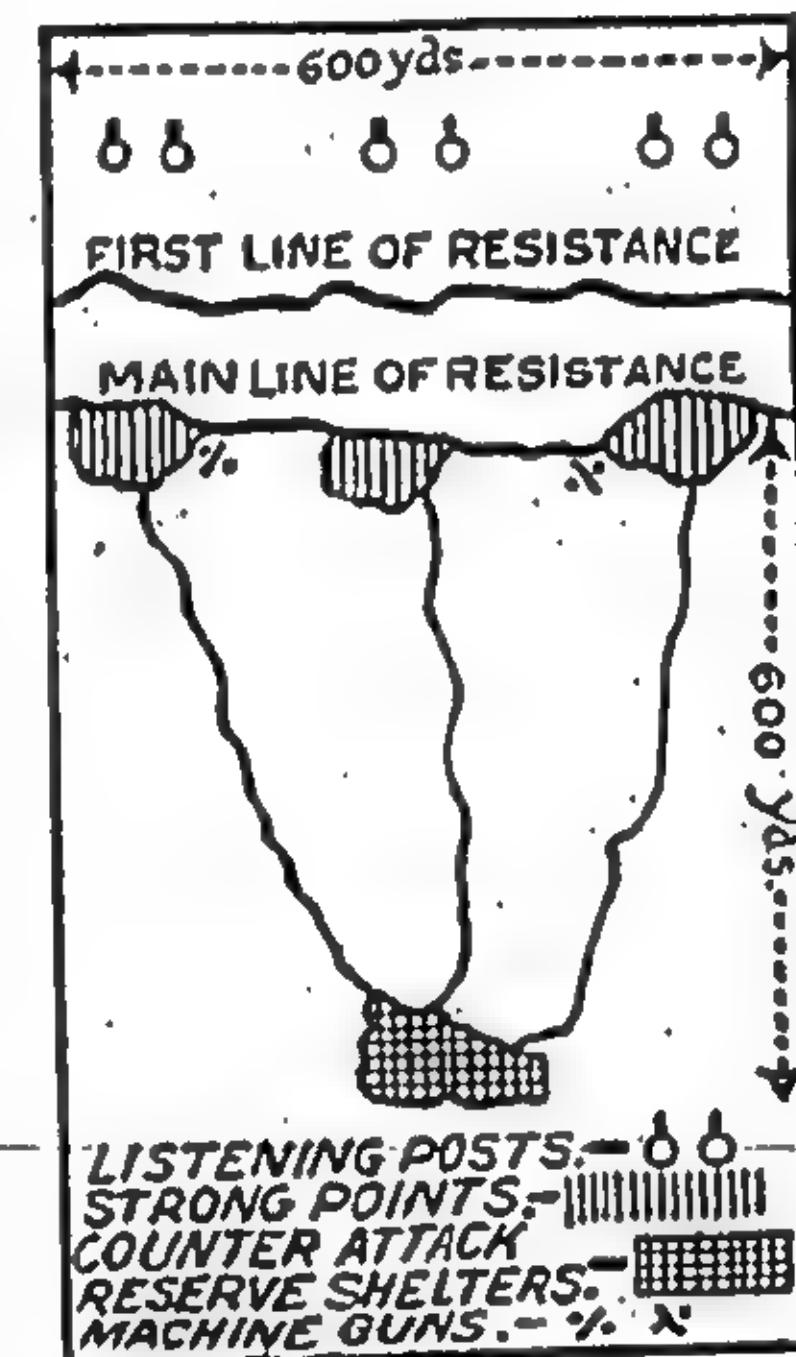
(1) The daily increasing power of our bombardment would cause ever heavier casualties among the close ranks well within our range.

(2) The then existing and obsolete Allied method of attack by massed man-power in successive waves might be modernised suddenly and help break through on a wide front the rigidly held line which had such inadequate reserves behind it.

The junior members urged a thinning out of the foremost line, to give the whole front line depth and resiliency, but their ideas were vague.

Then came the French document—written ten days before. To the junior members it was a cooling mould for their as yet liquid ideas. "An inspiration towards a solution for which they had been searching," says Captain Wynne. "The original touch in this instruction was that the main line of resistance, that is, the line of pickets, was to be held not by a continuous line of rifles, as was usual, but by a line of strong points, about 200 yards apart, and these strong points were to be constructed like miniature forts for all-round defence and capable of offering long resistance, even though surrounded on all sides. Their garrisons were to hold on until relieved by victorious counter-attack by the reserves from the third line."

So was born the Siegfried Line, and other lines of today. They are direct descendants of the Hindenburg Line of 1917, whose official name then was actually Siegfried.



VON LOSSBERG gets his first recognition as an "artist in war." He is promoted to chief of staff of the Third Army to replace a lieutenant-general — "a marked honour for a junior colonel." And Captain Wynne traces his career from the Champagne battles of 1915 to the Somme campaign (July-November 1916) in his (Wynne's) masterly effort to "understand the clash of battle doctrines which appears to be imminent" on the Western Front to-day.

HE writes: "There is a saying that in a military sense a new war begins where the last one left off; the human imagination is so unreliable that actual experience is needed before changes can be made to an established doctrine." He therefore examines the doctrines of the opposing armies in the west at the end of the last war. The outstanding feature was the German development of the defensive battle, which produced the "battle in depth," of which the giant fortified lines of to-day are the natural evolution. That is the keynote of his remarkable book, and "battle in depth" from the autumn of 1915 onwards was mainly the work of one master-mind—von Lossberg, artist in war.

And so to the Somme. The British offensive — another promotion for von Lossberg and his complete conversion to the doctrine of his former junior officers.

Captain Wynne writes a brilliant, twenty-seven-page account of that mighty Somme upheaval lead swept into the advancing weight of metal may be the

by O. D.

GALLAGHER  
"Daily Express" War  
Reporter back from  
the Western Front

not yet resumed on the Western Front:—

"The night... passed quietly, and the day broke clear with the promise of a Sunday of blue skies."

"The Germans in their deep, tunnelled dug-outs in the front line had finished their morning coffee, and the night gentries had been relieved, when suddenly, at 6 a.m., a great mass of shells burst with a thundering crash on and along the whole front... This violent tornado lasted some hours, until about midday the shelling changed to a steady, carefully aimed fire, as if the British batteries were competing with one another in shooting tournament, but during the afternoon the bombardment increased again...."

"CLOUDS of chlorine gas crossed No-man's Land from the British trenches. The dense fumes filled every crevice in the ground. They crept like live things down the steps of the dug-outs...."

The battle area was enveloped in a dark, muddy fog.... The Germans, who up to now had endured the inferno almost with indifference, began to feel alarmed. The concussion put out candles and acetylene lights in the deepest dug-outs. The walls rocked like the sides of a ship... rats, mice, moles, and much else came out of holes and corners and lay dead about the place.... The British gunners, whom the Germans imagined were sweating through the heat of 1940."

Summing up, Captain Wynne says: "There is a limit to the endurance of human beings, and it is... probable that mass-production of munitions has reached such a pitch to-day that seemingly without end, over the top at a steady, comfortable pace, as if expecting to find nothing alive in the front power of the Maginot Line... Some carried Kodaks to lay down will cause such a holocaust of men and machines... stopping to take pictures."

"Get ready!" was phrased as a German front from aggressor, whatever gods his light, twenty-seven-page account of that mighty Somme upheaval lead swept into the advancing weight of metal may be the

The advance rapidly correct answer."

crumbled under this hail of bullets... Again and again extended lines of British infantry broke against the German defence like waves against a cliff. "It was an amazing spectacle of unexampled gallantry, courage, and bulldog determination on both sides." By evening, however, the attack had come to a standstill, and the 180th Infantry Regiment was still in possession of the whole trace of its original trench system...."

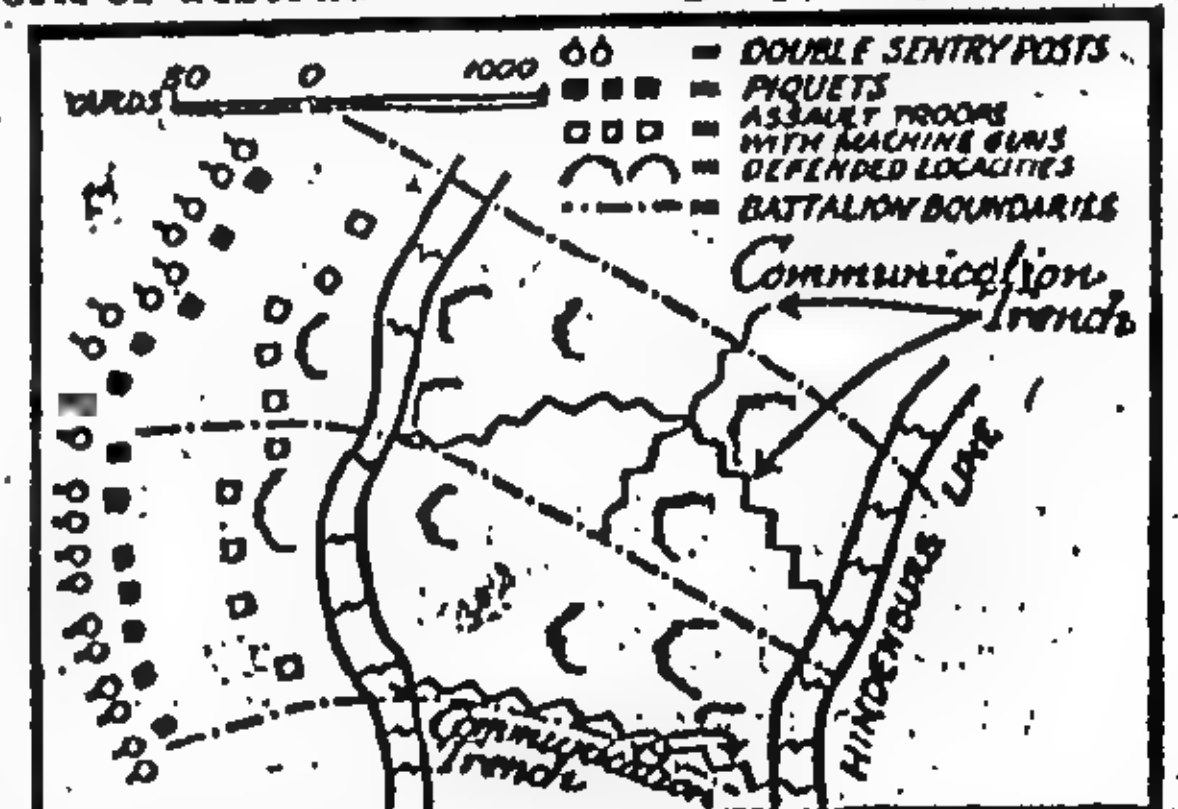
NOW von Lossberg began to overhaul the entire German system. The foremost line became a defence zone within which the units moved as the situation demanded. Shell holes were linked by trenches.

Official German casualties on the Somme were 465,000, against an Allied total of 623,000 (419,000 British). "These figures... showed an increasing heavy proportion of German casualties, and it was the flower of the German Army which was gradually being lost...."

Hindenburg and Ludendorff, fearing the steady increase of munitions from the Allied factories, believed that a new doctrine of defence was essential to their army. Rigid defence, even of a foremost zone, would soon prove too costly.

This change of outlook brought the Hindenburg (or first Siegfried) Line, crystallised in this sketch.

As Captain Wynne observes: "The Hindenburg Position... probably shows the way to the defensive battle of the future. "The German Army has accepted the legacy of war experience of its predecessors unreservedly, and modernised it. The German General Staff has placed the god of mass-production and technical invention alongside that of 'bravery in battle' in its temple. The result may be seen in the Siegfried Position of 1940."



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## CANADIANS IN NORWAY

### Fully Trained For Mountain Warfare

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, Apr. 16 (UP).—It is confirmed here that Canadian troops are in Norway with the Allies.

Many of them originally volunteered to go to Finland and have received intensive training in mountain and snow warfare.

The first Canadian troops arrived early in December and therefore their training has been completed.

### Tough Men For Norway

LONDON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—Tough men are needed for the battle for Norway. This has led unofficial but reliable military circles in London to believe reports that among the Allied troops now in Norway are a large number of Canadians who had volunteered for service in Finland and had received special training to that end.

It is pointed out that tough, seasoned men are required for the Norwegian campaign.

### Full Winter In North

In the far north mountains it is still full winter. Even around Oslo and the south, the woods are full of melting snow.

Norwegian troops will have the advantage in the campaign, for they are certainly tough and seasoned. Their idea of a pleasant week-end is to go out hunting in the forests and sleep out in the hills and snow.

### All Seasoned Troops

LONDON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—It is understood that the B.E.F. in Norway includes regiments from all parts of the British Isles.

All are well-seasoned troops.

## Remarkable Achievement

### B.E.F. Landings: Tribute To British Ingenuity

LONDON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—Some details in regard to the remarkable exploits in the equipment of the British Expeditionary Force for Norway are now available.

It is pointed out that on the German side the invasion of Norway was worked out to the last detail during a period which must have lasted several months.

The British Command, however, had to make plans and take action at very short notice.

It had to be for example where landings should be effected and how they were to be carried out, whether at a quayside or on sandy beaches.

Only Meagre Information  
All the details had to be concluded on very meagre information and decided upon in outline before the British Expedition could start and before even the size and character of the troops required could be settled.

One point which the British Command had to consider was the type of equipment required in view of the fact that some ships will be operating in the Arctic Circle.

The troops themselves were equipped with sheepskin coats, seal-skin caps and blankets.

Another minor point to be considered was the special type of engine oil required for the cold climate.

The impossibility of living on the country necessitated food supplies being sent with or after the troops.

It is emphasized that conditions do not allow of a large army being landed in a few days. The British Command will have to build up its force gradually.

Admit Allied Landing  
LONDON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—The landing of Allied troops in Norway was admitted by the German Wireless to-night.

It was stated that "Allied troops probably landed among points at Harstad, 50 miles north of Narvik, but in this district, the movement of troops is severely restricted by mountains and snow. No military importance can be attached to the landing."

Italian Ignorance  
ROME, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—Only the Italian, and of course the German, public seem to have been kept in the dark about the Allied landing in Norway.

The Italian people were still without news of this landing yesterday morning. The "Popolo di Roma" and other papers gave a lot of space to reports of German forces reaching Norway. They state that the situation is still improving in favour of the Germans.

## SOVIETS' NAVAL MANOEUVRES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
MOSCOW, Apr. 16 (UP).—The Soviet Black Sea Fleet to-day began manoeuvres designed to repel an enemy attempting to penetrate the Black Sea.

The Russians are using Sebastopol as a base.

## Closer Supervision Of Foreigners

BRUSSELS, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—The Government has decided to tighten measures for the supervision of foreigners.

Foreigners entering the country illegally since the end of March will be expelled, while supervision will be exercised over those whose activities are open to suspicion.

## BRITISH TROOPS OCCUPY FAROES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Apr. 16 (UP).—A British expeditionary force has landed on the Faroe Islands and the Governor of the Faroes has agreed to prevent a landing of German forces.

This announcement was made by Mr. R. A. Butler, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons to-day.

Mr. Butler would make no comment on the reported intention to occupy Greenland with Canadian troops.

The Minister for Economic Warfare, Mr. Ronald Cross, said that every possible step was being taken to prevent supplies from Los Angeles reaching Vladivostok if there was evidence that they were intended for Germany.

British Protectorate  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
THORSHAVE, Apr. 16 (UP).—The Faroes have calmly agreed to become British protectorate.

Two British destroyers arrived here last Friday.

Blackouts have been instituted each night.

Greenland Occupation  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
WASHINGTON, Apr. 16 (UP).—The Secretary of State Mr. Cordell Hull, has told the press that he has not discussed with Japan the status of the Dutch East Indies.

He also disclaimed any knowledge of any plans by the United States to project Greenland or of Canadian troops landing there.

The British Ambassador to Washington states that neither Britain nor Canada plan to occupy Greenland unless Germany attempts to set up bases there.

House Of Commons Statement  
LONDON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated that a British force had landed on the Faroe Islands.

Mr. Butler added: "On April 10, the Governor of the Faroe Islands, in reply to communications from His Majesty's Government, agreed under the present circumstances to grant such facilities as His Majesty's Government might require to prevent German forces establishing themselves in the Faroe Islands."

A British force has been landed," Mr. Butler concluded that he had no statement to make at present about Greenland.

Lord Lothian's Assurances  
WASHINGTON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—The British Ambassador, Lord Lothian, at a Press conference following a conversation he had with State Department officials, stated that neither Britain nor Canada would move into Greenland or Iceland unless it seemed certain that Germany was about to seize them.

Lord Lothian expressed the belief that Greenland clearly comes within the Monroe Doctrine, being within the Western Hemisphere.

Lord Lothian predicted that the navicert system might be extended to the Pacific in order to prevent supplies from the American Pacific coast reaching Germany via Russia.

Mr. Hull's Statement  
WASHINGTON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—When Mr. Cordell Hull, the U.S. Secretary of State, was asked at a Press conference to-day whether the United States would extend a protectorate over Greenland, he said that he knew of no plan to do so.

He, however, cited the President's recent description of Greenland as one of the Western Hemisphere, thereby implying that Greenland comes within the scope of the Monroe Doctrine.

## U.S. TO CONTROL ITS IMPORTS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Apr. 16 (UP).—The U.S. Treasury Department has ordered all Customs officials to recognize, for Customs purposes, only the official rate of \$4.03½ to the pound sterling.

It is understood that this measure has been taken in order to prevent large British imports as a result of the depreciation in the unofficial rate of the pound.

The order is also extended to Canadian and Newfoundland dollars and to Australian pounds.

BATTLE OF WITS IN SHANGHAI CONTINUES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, April 16, (UP).—The battle of wits for the mastery of the Shanghai Municipal Council entered another round this morning, when it was discovered that an old rule is still legally existent whereby rate-payers may demand a general poll instead of a "show of hands" at the annual meeting of the ratepayers.

This discovery has greatly heartened the "Anglo-Saxon Bloc" which feared that the Japanese by sheer weight of numbers, would be able to swamp the meeting.

Previously, annual meetings of rate-payers have been conducted on the principal of "show of hands" with each individual obtaining a single vote.

Rate-payers, if discontented with this arrangement, may call for a poll, whereupon each person is entitled to the number of votes his taxes permit.

This type of voting resulted in an Occidental victory at the recent Municipal elections, and it is now generally believed that the Japanese efforts to defeat important measures at the forthcoming general meeting will prove unsuccessful.

## MAN CHASING A TIGER

(N.B.—The Tiger Has Gained A Lap)

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, April 16 (UP).—The old cartoon showing a man chasing a tiger with the tiger close on his heels (the tiger has gained a lap!) is brought to mind by the latest DNB report from the Narvik area.

German troops, pushing inland from Narvik, have reached the Swedish border," says the DNB report.

"Norwegian troops were driven across the frontier."

DNB does not mention that the Germans themselves are close pressed and unless speedy help arrives, will have no option but to cross the frontier and be interned by Sweden.

Inside the possible hand to hand struggle occurred. On perceiving this the German artillery shelled its own position without regard for the lives of the Germans who were fighting there.

The increased unhealthiness of the positions on the Western Front contrasts sharply with the relative calm of those positions in front of Luxembourg and Belgium where a strange atmosphere of expectancy prevails. The men are always on the alert whilst transports, armoured cars and tanks are in position ready for instant movement.

British Sector Attacked  
LONDON, Apr. 16, (Reuter).—The Germans launched an attack against a sector of the British Maginot Line early to-day.

This news has been telephoned by Reuter's correspondent who is with the British Expeditionary Force.

The attack was preceded by a whistle and the crash of shell fire making a resounding barrage.

The German troops then advanced through darkness but the spirited defence put up by British infantrymen drove them back.

Six Germans were found dead. The British suffered some casualties.

Attack Repulsed  
PARIS, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—To-day's communiqué says that on the part of the front held by British troops the enemy launched an attack, prepared and accompanied by artillery fire.

The attack was repulsed. The enemy suffered serious losses.

In the region of the Saar, our artillery fired on enemy organisations. There was active work by our reconnaissance units to the east of the Vosges.

Powerful Antidote  
Both "The Times" and other papers see the Allied military action as a powerful antidote for fear among the neutrals of the Nazi threats.

"The Times" also comments that Russia has done Germany a bad turn over this because the Allies could not have sent a trained expeditionary force so quickly if one had not been prepared for Finland some months ago.

The "Daily Telegraph" points out that only last week the Nazi Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop, had said that the German forces would see to it that no British or Frenchman showed his nose in Denmark for the rest of the war.

How foolish that boast reads to-day. The "Daily Mail" says that Ribbentrop is accustomed to swallowing his own words but until now he has not had to swallow them so quickly.

Threat To Balkans  
Commenting on the sudden influx of German tourists into the Balkans, "The Times" says that it is a gross violation of international good manners under which these men were given diplomatic passports or papers stating that they were attached to official missions.

In Yugoslavia a number of arrests have been made of people suspected of being connected with the Gestapo.

"The Times" comments that the Yugoslav police seem to be as alert as the police of Turkey where the paid agents of the Reich have taken on the guise of harmless businessmen.

BRAVE WORDS BY BELGIUM

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BRUSSELS, Apr. 16 (UP).—Speaking in the Senate to-day, Foreign Minister Spaak reiterated Belgium's neutrality. "We cannot accept any suggestion entailing the abandonment of the route which the Government has chosen," he declared.

He said that Belgium wants peace chiefly so that she will not become Europe's battlefield.

He said, the destiny of Belgium then would be more tragic than for the rest of the belligerents. We follow with emotion Norway's efforts, since she had been pacific and loyally neutral."

To Fight On One Condition  
BRUSSELS, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—Enthusiastic cheers were accorded M. Paul Spaak, the Foreign Minister, in a speech in the Senate in which he emphasised that Belgium would defend herself if attacked.

"One condition on which we should go to war would be to save our independence," he declared.

If Belgium were dragged into war, she would undergo hardships more tragic than those of any other belligerent nation. He pledged to do his utmost to spare Belgium that misfortune, which she did not deserve.

Nazis Interned  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
BRUSSELS, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—It is understood that the Belgian Government is establishing an asylum for political offenders at Ruysselede, in western Flanders.

There will be a dance at the Cheero Club to-night at 8.30 p.m. Music by the Omega Dance Band. The band played last week. The band played last week. The band played last week.

LONDON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that the registration date for the 27 Class will be May 25.

## FIGHTING SPEECH BY PREMIER

"This Mad Dog Must Be Destroyed"

LONDON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—When speaking to the National Free Church Council here to-day, Mr. Neville Chamberlain said: "Since this latest outrage of those monsters of wickedness in Germany who seem to have shut the gates of mercy upon mankind all my thoughts have been occupied with a view to counter that stroke."

"It is becoming clearer every day that our fight against Nazism is just part of an eternal war between right and wrong."

"Every day that passes gives some new demonstration of Germany's utter disregard of religion, mercy, truth and justice."

Ten Times As Confident  
"If the Germans were to triumph in what they are doing, then every fortress that has been built by civilisation upon the principles of Christianity would go down, and the world would relapse into that barbarism which only a little time ago we thought had been buried under centuries of progress."

"They will not go down. Only a short time ago, I declared that I felt ten times as confident as at the beginning of the war of the ultimate victory."

"I repeat that confidence now. 'Every victim that has felt the weight of Germany's savagery adds millions to those who have already condemned her because every act of hers makes it even more unmistakably clear that no people, however meek and peaceful or however harmless, can be safe until this mad dog is destroyed.'

Germany's Miscalculation  
"Germany has made many miscalculations but none greater than this. 'This war will be won by the spiritual forces of the world as much as by the material power of their brave defenders.'

"I appeal to you with confidence to give us your aid to crush the powers of tyranny and wickedness for ever!"

Sirens Shriek In Sweden

Air Raid Alarm At Stromstad

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
STROMSTAD, Apr. 16 (UP).—For the first time, the air raid alarm was sounded in Stromstad to-day from 9.10 to 9.25 a.m. local time.

Eighteen heavy German bombers were observed flying northwards along the coast in the direction of Oslo.

However, the planes kept outside territorial waters.

Complete Blackout  
STOCKHOLM, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—An Air Raid Precaution scheme for Sweden came into force yesterday. It covers the whole country and not just the coast.

All R.P. workers are standing by. All the ports in south west Sweden are closed to foreign shipping.

Continuous Stream Of Planes  
STOCKHOLM, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—A continuous stream of German planes is passing over Osterdalen en route to Trondheim, states a report from the Norwegian Telegraph Agency.

Many of these planes have apparently taken off from Danish bases.

MUSSOLINI WILL MAKE SPEECH

ROME, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—Signor Mussolini may refer to the question of peace or war in the speech he is expected to make here on Saturday morning on the occasion of the second report of the Commissioner-General for the exhibition in Rome in 1942.

Speaking on the occasion of the first report last year, Il Duce declared that if the Fascist Government had entertained any thoughts of war, it would not be proceeding with the gigantic labour of a world exhibition.

Meeting Postponed  
ROME, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—Postponement of Saturday's meeting, at which Signor Mussolini was to have spoken, is now confirmed.

While newspaper headlines have continued to affirm that Germany is consolidating her positions in Norway, the British communiqué announcing the landing of forces is given the honour of a bold heading in most papers.

The "Giornale d'Italia" states that it is not possible for a few days to give a true account of the respective naval losses of the Allies and Germany.

The "Tribuna" develops the theme and says: "Let us wait, therefore, for a stabilisation of the military situation, to which, it seems, will be linked the final collapse of the first line of the naval blockade."

French Senate's Secret Session

PARIS, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—After a short adjournment, the Senate went into a secret session to-day on the Army Committee report.

The session will continue to-morrow on the Air and Navy Committee reports, and conclude with a public vote on a motion of confidence.

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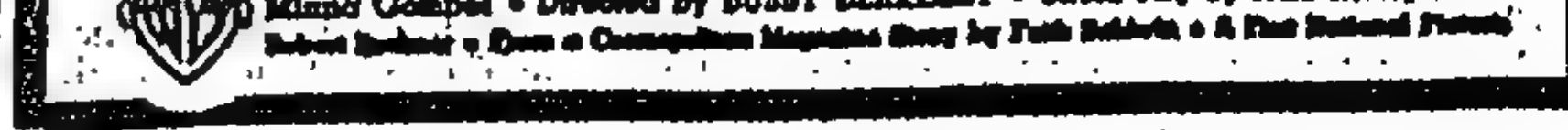
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LONDON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—The British Mercantile Marine Service Association has opened its membership to Danish, Norwegian and Polish masters and officers serving under the British flag.

LONDON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that at April 1 the official cost-of-living index figure was 78 per cent. above the level of July, 1914 compared with 79 per cent. at March 1.







# NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



## TEN SHORT SEA STORIES IN THE 'LONDON GAZETTE'

TEN very short sea stories appeared in a supplement to the "London Gazette" recently. They tell of the bravery of the men of the Merchant Navy in face of the enemy—and they are masterpieces of simple English.

Many people who read them assumed that they had been written by a distinguished author. They were wrong. The stories were written by a man who has made his name as an artist in gold.

He is Professor Reginald Morier Gladstone, whose war job is to record the bravery of Britons at sea. He means to do it without "officialness"—or, as he says, "to do it in decent English."

### EMERGENCY OXYGEN TENT

YOUNG patients at Slough Emergency Hospital

taking a peep at Baby Frank Swinney. The baby's life is believed to have been saved by putting him into an improvised oxygen tent made from an A.R.P. gas protector and part of the inner tube of a motor car tyre. He was suffering from bronchial pneumonia.

## Wants War Brides Curbed

MEMBERS of influential church circles are considering ways and means of restraining young couples under twenty-one from entering an irresponsible war marriage.

Figures show that the number of boy and girl marriages has trebled since war began.

But while the older type of clergy is supporting the movement to control such marriages, the younger ones take the opposite view.

Daily throughout Britain, it is stated, young people—many in their teens—are marrying into a future which may be filled with poverty and heartbreak.

War makes marriage possible for the youth who previously could not afford to wed for four or five years. But many of the clergy feel that with no domestic responsibilities during war-time he will return to a world where his earning capacity is still pre-war.

### Should Conscript Wed?

With his trade only half learned, the young husband would have to keep a wife, and maybe children, on a few shillings.

"Where a man can afford to marry and knows that when he gets back he will be able to support a family, then obviously the Church has no objection," said a Burnley vicar.

The Rev. H. Batty, bachelor vicar of St. Catherine's Church, Burnley, is the champion of youthful marriages. "Good luck to the youngsters," he said. "You will find that the marriages will not turn out as the pessimists think."

"Marriage keeps the young man straight while on active service."

### Slump in Ireland

In Ireland, on the other hand, prominent Church dignitaries are becoming alarmed about the "appalling decline" in the marriage and birth rates, which are the lowest for twenty years.

Social workers assert that if steps are not taken immediately to launch a marriage crusade throughout the country, the Irish race at home will gradually die out.

How best the Roman Catholic Church can give a lead in promoting a successful marriage drive may be discussed at a meeting of all the Irish hierarchy.

## NAZI RAID ON CZECH EGGS

Poultry owners in the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia must in future sell all eggs to the Government, except the produce of one chicken to every two people in the household.

Official decree to this effect has been issued in Prague. It will mean the end of the "black egg market" by which some Czechs have been able to maintain their egg consumption above the official ration of one egg per person a fortnight.

## MRS. 'Conchie'

STOCKPORT. MRS. A. E. LAWTON, of Queen's-road, Cheshire, refused to take an evacuee child.

Her reason, given in a letter to the local council: "As a Christian, I have very strong views about war and really feel I must not take part in anything to do with war."

Mrs. Lawton's husband was fined £5 at Stockport for failing to take the child.

Mr. E. Barlow, prosecuting, said that the law, while recognising Christian conscientious objection to take part in war, did not recognise a conscience which refused to shelter innocent children.

The husband, in a letter to the council, wrote: "This is the German method of force, and contrary to British justice. However, God is on my wife's side, and she is convinced that she is right."

## ACTION ON HAINAN FRONT



THIS photograph of Japanese troops in action was taken in a wrecked town on Hainan Island, where the invaders are still opposed by a considerable force of Chinese regulars and guerrillas.—Domei.

## SCIENTIST WHO SAVED MILLIONS OF LIVES DIES

A MAN WHO HAS SAVED MILLIONS OF LIVES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WAS CREMATED LAST MONTH AT GOLDERS GREEN, N.W.

He was 58-years-old Sir Patrick Laidlaw, the pathologist who seven years ago announced from an old army hut that he had tracked, with two companions, the source of influenza germ.

Medical men said it was perhaps the most important discovery in medical history, for when he announced that he and his companions had established that influenza was a filterable virus, it was the world's first definite step towards preventing one of mankind's most deadly diseases.

From 1918 to 1920, more than 15,000,000 people died from influenza. Together with the common cold, it was costing the nation £10,000,000.

The disease could not be controlled until the basic cause had been discovered.

The three British doctors of the Medical Research Council found that the causal agent was a microbe so small that it could not be seen in a microscope. It could pass through finely porous filters that held back visible bacteria.

The influenza virus then joined the ranks of the smallpox and measles viruses, of which medical science had already considerable experience.

So they tried to isolate a serum which would counteract the influence of the virus. Every disease was known to produce in a victim a swarm of what were called "anti-bodies."

### HIS COMPANIONS

Dr. Laidlaw's companions in his experiments were Dr. Wilson Smith and Dr. C. H. Andrews. Every morning they met for experiments. Before passing into the laboratory they dressed from head to foot in tarpaulin coats and rubber boots.

After walking through a pool of powerful disinfectant their clothes were washed in the same fluid by attendants.

Inside, lined against the white-washed walls, were the cages housing dozens of ferrets on whom these experiments to save human lives were made every day.

Dr. Laidlaw infected ferrets with virus, and then he cured them with injections. He found: they were then immune from influenza for three months.

The three doctors worked at the germ form of the National Institute

### KERMIT ROOSEVELT

London, Apr. 16.

Mr. Kermit Roosevelt has rejoined the British army as a major. He reported to his regiment to-day. Mr. Roosevelt, a naturalised Briton, was appointed commandant of the British force intended for Finland.—United Press.

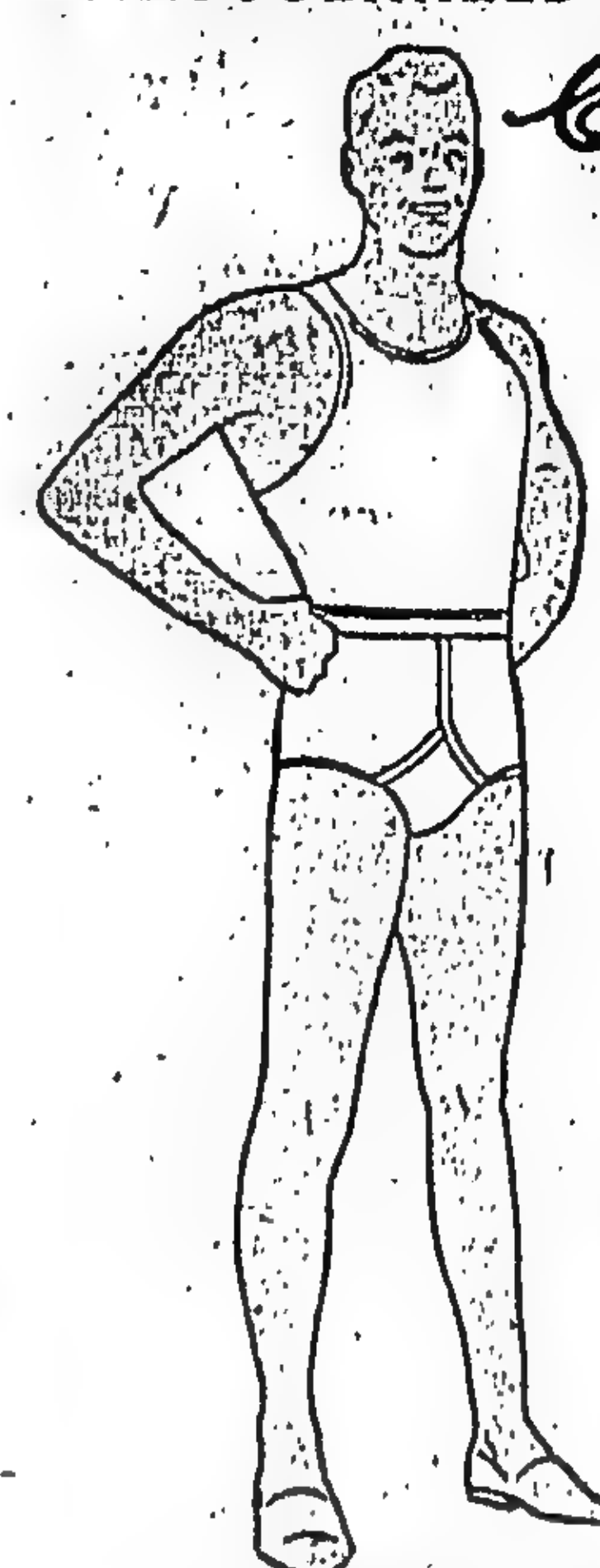
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| DA1163    | Vienna, city of my dreams                       | Richard Crooks                |         |
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| DA886     | Love's roses                                    | Richard Crooks                |         |
| DA886     | Drink to me only with thine eyes                | Richard Crooks                |         |
| DA886     | Believe me, if all those endearing young charms | Richard Crooks                |         |
| DA886     | Cradle song (Brahms)                            | Richard Crooks                |         |
| DA886     | Etude in A flat major (Chopin)                  | Richard Crooks                |         |
| DA886     | Ah sweet mystery of life                        | Richard Crooks                |         |
| DA886     | Prelude in C sharp minor                        | Richard Crooks                |         |
| DA886     | Bees wedding (Mendelssohn)                      | Richard Crooks                |         |
| DA886     | Ave Maria (Bach-Gounod)                         | Richard Crooks                |         |
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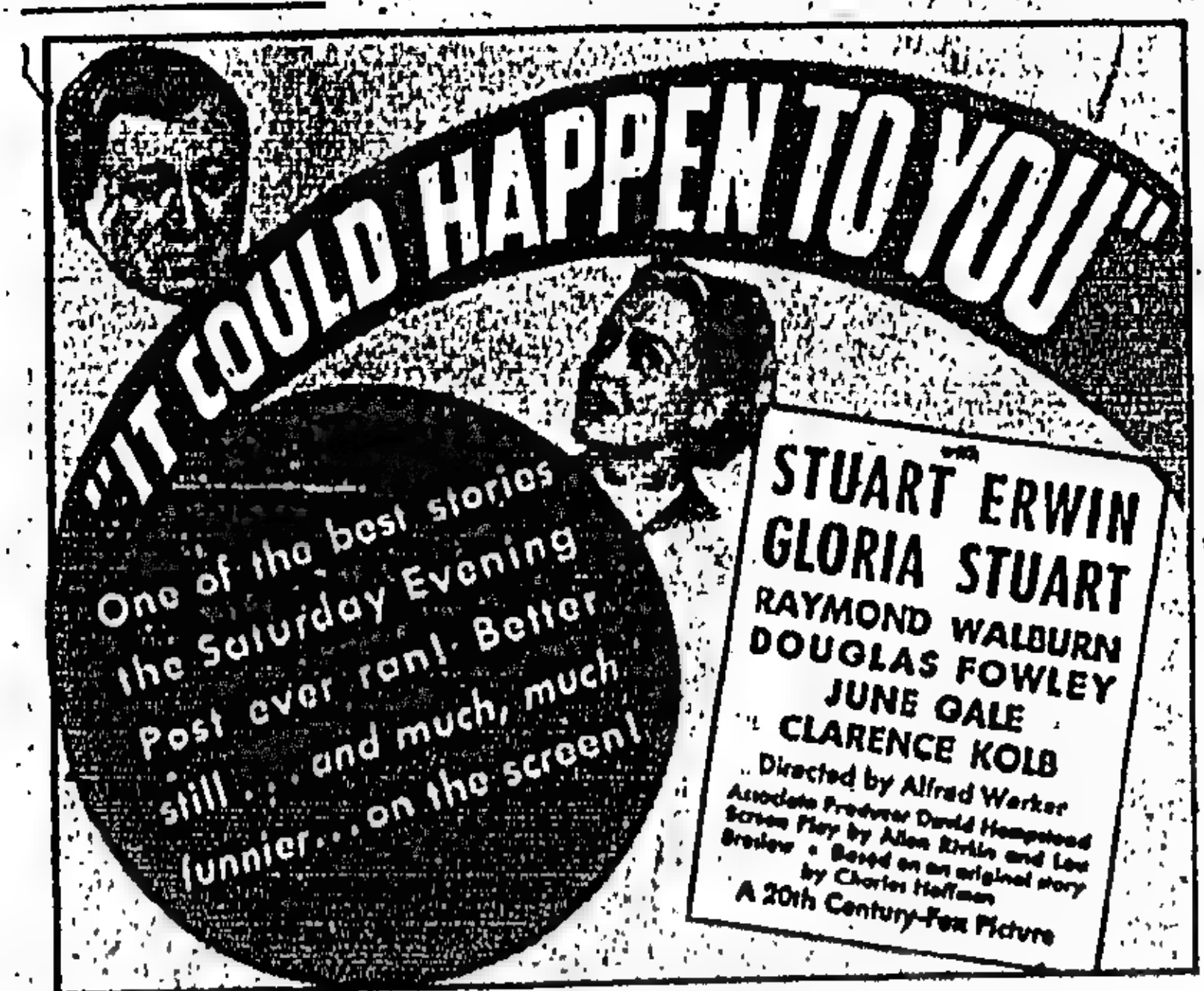
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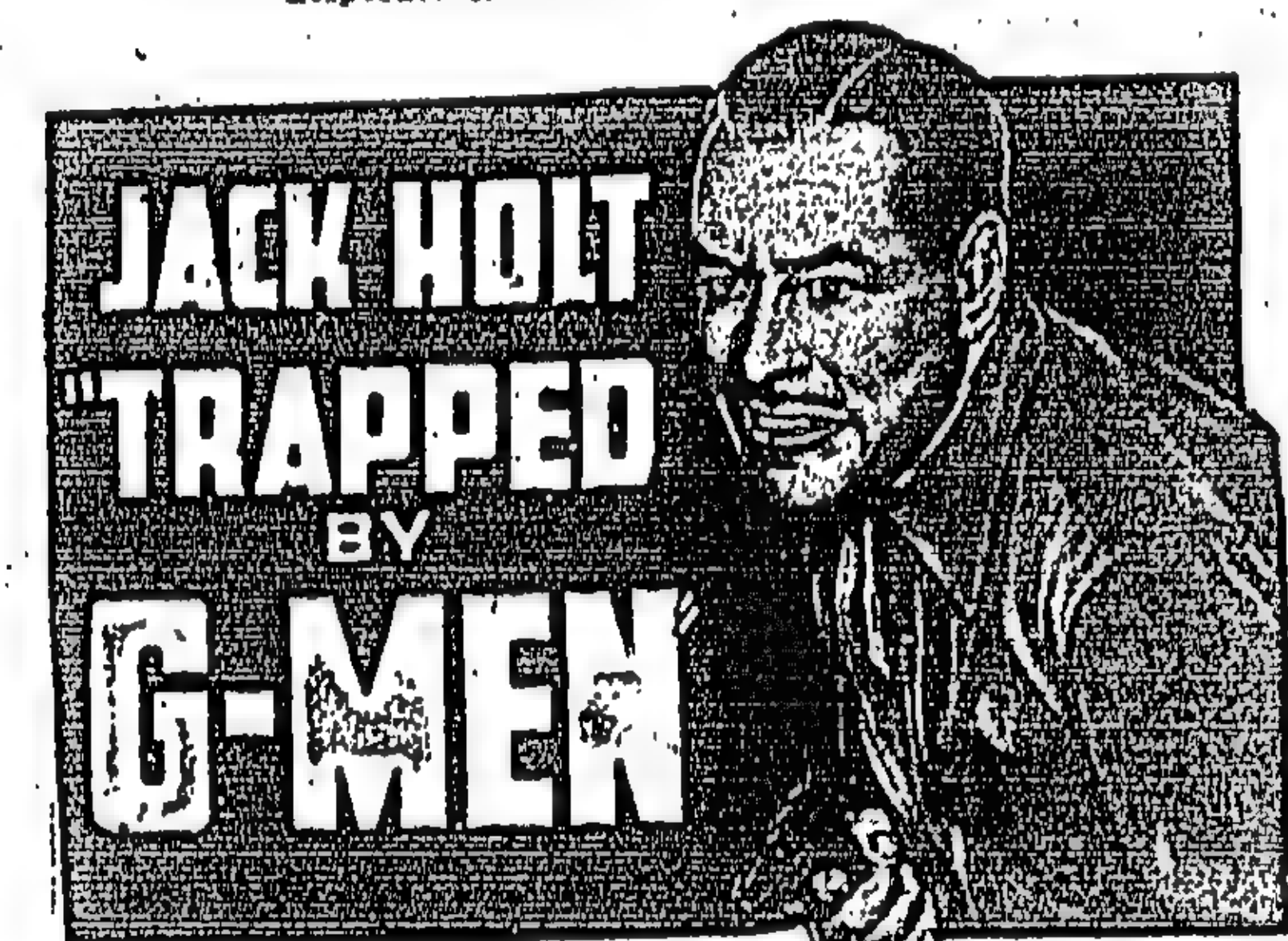


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## Strip-Tease Ban Likely

London's Moralists Up In Arms

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, Apr. 16 (UP).—London's Guardians of Public Morals and the theatrical producers debated to-day on means of combating the strip-tease menace imported from the United States.  
The producers are accused of offending public morals by importing an increasing number of strip-tease acts.  
The only agreement reached was that "nudity on the stage is undesirable."  
It is expected that another conference will be called by the Lord Chamberlain in an effort to curtail, if not ban, nudity.  
Meanwhile, most of the producers have agreed that the show must go on!

## No Help Wanted Thank You!

Holland And Her East Indies Possessions

AMSTERDAM, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—Suggestions regarding foreign help for Holland's overseas possessions should the Mother Country be invaded are firmly rejected in responsible circles.  
Should Holland be over-run, the East and West Indies will simply be the part of Holland that has not been conquered, it is stated.  
The "Telegraph" writes: "Should unexpected events in Europe result in breaking the connection with the Netherlands' Indian Government, the latter is quite capable of continuing to administer the Indies without help or protection. The East Indies possess a fleet and army, whose strength it will be unwise for any Power to under-rate."

## Nazi Appeal To U.S.

BERLIN, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—The Foreign Office mouth-piece "Diplomatic Korrespondenz," tonight appeals to President Roosevelt to withhold criticism of a "Germany defending her vital living space."  
It suggests that America, having "succeeded with one exception in keeping Imperialists out of the Western Hemisphere, should sympathize with Germany in similar struggles."

## RUMANIAN OIL FOR GERMANY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
BUCHAREST, Apr. 16 (UP).—Rumanian oil shipments to Germany have recommenced with a lessening of the flood situation.

## Trawler Feared Lost

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, Apr. 16 (UP).—The Aberdeen trawler Sansonnet is feared lost. It has a crew of ten men aboard.

## More Communists Rounded Up

PARIS, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—A fresh Police round-up of Communists has resulted in the arrest of 89 men and women in Paris, Rouen, Houlon and Orleans.  
Large printing presses were seized. Fifteen men and 13 women were surprised at a secret meeting in Paris.

## SECRET BOMB UNDER STUDY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
WASHINGTON, Apr. 16 (UP).—The secret liquid oxygen bomb invented by Heister Barlow and tested by the U.S. Navy and Army experts recently, is still under study.  
Tests thus far indicate, however, that liquid oxygen is no more powerful than T.N.T.

## NAZI BOMBER IS FORCED DOWN

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
AMSTERDAM, Apr. 16 (UP).—Radio-Stockholm announces that a German bomber made a forced landing to-day in Gurn Fjord near Charlottsburg.  
The crew has been interned.

## Stop Press—64. A.D. Noro's Fiddle Was A Jew's Harp

BERLIN.—It was the Jews who burned Rome in 64 A.D. This was "revealed" by the most fanatical of all German anti-Jewish papers, "Der Stuermer."  
"According to all we know about Nero," this act of incendiarism is attributed to him," the newspaper writes. "But the fact is that the Jewish quarter of Rome was not burned down."  
"When one compares all reports about this fire, one comes to the conclusion that the fire was carried out by the Jews in complicity with the Emperor Nero."

## TEACHING HITLER HIS MOST SEVERE LESSON Striking Comments By Several Neutral Newspapers

LONDON, April 16 (Reuter).—The Rio de Janeiro "O Jornal" says that Germany is being taught the most severe lesson of the war. Her imminent defeat will have a great repercussion in Europe and Germany.  
A front-page article asserts that British domination of the seas precludes any further possibility of the Germans breaking the blockade.

The "Jornal do Commercio" emphasizes the losses already sustained by Germany and asks "Where is the Russian Alliance?" It says that the remaining neutrals must now realize to which side to lean.  
The "O Jornal" refuses to believe that Signor Mussolini will risk the prestige of Fascism in a conflict with the Allies or to place Italian youth at the service of Nazi and Communist atheism.

Allied Success Emphasised  
Belgrade papers to-day are very favourable to the Allies. The Narvik battle provides front-page headlines.  
In Stockholm, the "Nya Dagbladet" says that the Royal Navy's losses are less serious than the high proportion of the German Navy, which is already destroyed.  
The "Social Demokraten" says: "The German action against Norway and Denmark was primarily intended to obtain bases against Britain, but no one entertains the illusion that the occupation is only for the duration, and that is why Norway is determined to fight."

Norway's success is dependent on Allied help, which hitherto has concentrated on striking at the German fleet. The battles of the last few days have greatly reduced Germany's possibilities to protect her communication lines with warships.  
British losses are smaller and the British Navy does not feel such losses.  
The Sofia paper, "Miro" reviews the Scandinavian events and says: "Whilst the first phase impressed the world with the speedy action of the Germans, the second phase is giving a clearer picture, and the attempted occupation may have negative results owing to the impossibility of transporting troops."

American Press Attitude  
In the American Press from April 12 to 15, many editorials took the view that Hitler had "stuck his neck out" by his invasion of Norway. They made frequent references to the spirit of Nelson and Drake, while all expressly or implicitly continued to condemn German aggression.  
The increased "unneutral" comment which arose from the Norway invasion still continues. While not in a great volume, it is linked with impatience at the cry, "British propaganda is dragging us into war."

Greenland still receives very considerable attention both in the news columns and comment. The general view seems to be to follow the President's lead and that Americans would do well to keep their eyes open.  
Greenland is associated in several editorials with the need for increased provision for home defence, and several columnists raise cogent questions, for example, the Dutch West Indies supposing the Nazis invade Holland.

Warplanes v. Battleships  
Some papers view the future of Iceland as a matter of "convoys" to the United States. A number of editorials pose the question of the superiority of warplanes or battleships. If they venture an opinion, most incline to the view that the battleship is showing itself superior.  
The "New York Times" Stockholm correspondent, who saw the German troops land at Narvik, describes how the German soldiers he talked to "hoped, yet doubted, that Germany had wrested the control of the adjoining seas from Britain."

The "Herald Tribune" supports President Roosevelt's speech as one which Republicans, as well as Democrats will applaud.  
The "Herald Tribune" says: "Hitler's nightmare has always been that once again, as in the case of Napoleon, Britain will organize Europe to suppress the attempt at the domination of Europe. The plain fact about Europe to-day is that every people in Europe, a large part of the German people included, is a potential ally of the Allies. There are no important exceptions. There is no people which does not dread a Nazi victory, none which does not need Hitler's eventual downfall."

Hitler To Italy And Russia  
All Brussels papers now proclaim the importance of an Allied victory. Thus the "Standard" writes: "It is remarkable that all forces have not succeeded in checking battleships, or even inflicting serious injury. This fact is of more profound strategic importance than the sinking of part of the German battle fleet which, in the Allied objectivity must be declared incapable of inflicting a much stronger enemy. Such a remarkable reaffirmation of British naval supremacy is an event which will have its repercussions in the general diplomatic spheres. Italy and Russia will draw the necessary conclusions."

Scandinavia's Gold Stocks  
Sir John Simon Says Fate Unknown  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, April 16 (UP).—The British Government has no knowledge of the fate of the gold stocks held by Denmark and Norway at the time of the German invasion.  
This announcement was made in the House of Commons to-day by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon, in reply to questions.  
The reply apparently disposes of reports that the Bank of England assisted both Denmark and Norway to rush their gold by airplane to London just prior to the invasion.  
Denmark's gold stocks, totalled about £13,000,000, while Norway had between £10,000,000 and £20,000,000.  
It was reported last week that the Norwegian Government had succeeded in removing its gold stocks to a place of safety.

Big Gold Holdings  
LONDON, Apr. 16 (British Wire- less).—The Chancellor of the Exchequer stated in the House of Commons to-day that according to the latest returns, the gold holdings of the National Banks of Denmark and Norway amounted to £13,000,000 and £10,000,000 or £19,000,000 respectively.  
Sir John Simon was unable to say whether the Germans had seized any part of these holdings or what part was being held outside their own countries at the time of the invasion.

I.C.S.N. PROFIT AND DIVIDEND  
The Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited, announces that, after providing for all expenditure the net profit of the ships for 1939 is £226,230, with the carry forward of £220,051, the net gain on two ships sold of £18,305 and £20 for transfer fees the total figure at the credit of Appropriation Account is £54,023.  
The Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held on May 30 when, if shareholders approve, the following appropriations will be made:

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£54,023.7.3d.

SUPERIOR U.S. WAR PLANES  
WASHINGTON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—American-made combat planes delivered to the Allies have brought out Germany's finest aircraft and demonstrated their superiority over the comparable European types, according to an official statement from the Navy Department to the Senate Naval Committee.  
The planes referred to are slower and less mobile in design than the best American planes which are now available for purchase by the Allies.

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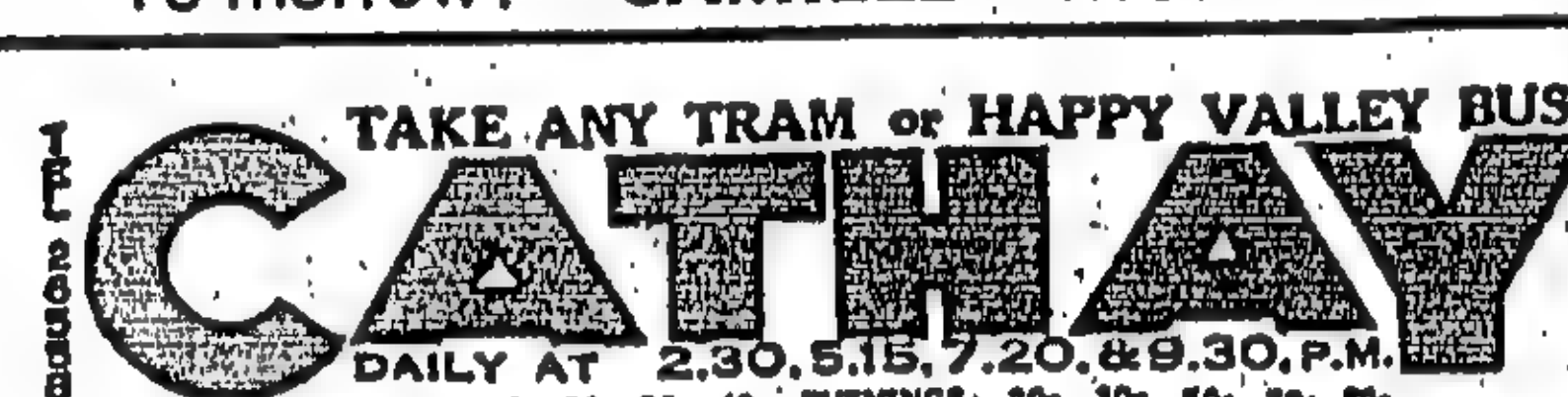
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## Herring Fleet To Put To Sea

AMSTERDAM, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—  
The Dutch herring fleet is going to  
sea again, but there is only half the  
fleet owing to minefields in the North  
Sea, according to the "Handelsblad."

## LONDON PRESS COMMENT ON WAR IN NORWAY

LONDON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—Principal comment in to-  
day's Press is the strategic position of Norway. These com-  
ments were made by military correspondents.

The "Daily Telegraph" says: "The  
Allies had no easy problem. Fortu-  
nately the gallant assistance of the  
Norwegians eliminated many diffi-  
culties. The selection of suitable points  
of disembarkation was an important  
element in the Allied plan. Protec-  
tion of the expedition in the passage  
means the provision of an adequate  
naval escort and concentration of

# NEW ITALIAN DEVELOPMENTS DRAW ATTENTION OF PRESS

## NAZI ENDEAVOUR TO CUT NORWAY IN TWO SHOWN

LONDON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—The Germans  
advancing from Trondheim appear to be trying to cut  
Norway in two, according to the Finnish Wireless.

They are reported to-night to be a few miles from  
Storlien on the Swedish frontier.

The Norwegians, however, are stated to be still  
holding the fortress of Hegre, east of Trondheim.

### 60,000 Troops Landed

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—  
The total number of German troops  
in Norway is estimated at 60,000,  
according to a report from the  
frontier, quoting "trustworthy  
sources."

### Elverum Holding Out

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—  
The German column which thrust  
northward in the early hours of the  
invasion to intercept King Haakon  
and the Norwegian Government is  
still vainly attacking Elverum.  
According to a dispatch from the  
Swedish frontier, Norwegian troops  
in the Elverum region are strongly  
placed on the bridges over the River  
Glomma.

Heavy snowfalls are impeding the  
German motorised units and follow-  
ing the example of the Finns, Nor-  
wegian suicide patrols of ski-ers are  
harrassing the Germans and cutting  
their communications, while the  
civil population is assisting by hiding  
food supplies.

### Decisive Battle Expected

Following the Norwegian with-  
drawal from Kongsvinger from  
which, according to the newspaper  
"Aftenbladet," the last Norwegian  
troops departed this morning, a de-  
cisive battle is expected shortly for  
possession of Elverum and Hamar.  
In the extreme south-east, the  
Germans are reported to have oc-  
cupied the whole of Ostfold Pro-  
vince, and Norwegian troops are  
either crossing the Swedish frontier  
or are going north in an effort to  
contact the Norwegians holding the  
eastern defence line.

### Using Parachutes

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
STOCKHOLM, Apr. 16 (UP).—  
The German Army is making in-  
creasing use of parachute troops in  
an effort to demoralise the Nor-  
wegians behind the front lines.  
A Norwegian communiqué an-  
nounces that heavy German trans-  
port planes dropped parachute troops  
in several areas.

In each case, however, the Ger-  
mans were speedily surrounded and  
disarmed.  
Many were machine-gunned as  
they dangled helplessly in the air  
in their parachutes.

### Nazis Occupy Two Towns

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
STOCKHOLM, Apr. 17 (UP).—  
The Official Swedish News Agency  
reports an announcement by the  
Norwegian Government that the  
Germans have occupied the small  
towns of Moedal and Hakedal.  
The Norwegian communiqué claims  
that two German planes were shot  
down by Norwegian A.A. fire.  
The situation in the Westland and  
Troendelag districts is unchanged.

### REPORTED SHOT



## HIMMLER SHOT, SAYS REPORT

Attack Allegedly Made  
In Copenhagen

### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, April 17 (UP).—  
The Stockholm Correspondent of  
the "Daily Mail" reports an un-  
confirmed rumour that Heinrich  
Himmler, chief of the dread  
Nazi Gestapo, was shot through  
the mouth in a Copenhagen  
street on April 10.

Himmler was in Copenhagen hand-  
ling any Danes who opposed the  
German invasion.  
The Gestapo chief is one of the  
most powerful men in Nazidom. He  
has been responsible for the death  
of more Germans than the Allies.

Ruthlessly Murderous  
He is the most ruthlessly ambitious  
and murderous of Hitler's lieutenants.  
His Nazi career began in the gutters  
of Munich when he was a 19-year-old  
Storm Trooper. The story of his rise  
to power—a rise made over the dead  
bodies of comrades and superiors—is  
a perfect example of the lack of  
personal loyalty in the inner Nazi  
circle.

Himmler knows loyalty to one man  
only—Adolf Hitler—whom he consid-  
ers a superman.

## Sharp Earthquake Recorded

### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

FAENZA, Apr. 16 (UP).—The  
seismograph at the Faenza (Italy)  
Observatory registered a sharp earth-  
quake at 7.19 a.m. to-day.  
The epicentre is believed to be  
5,400 miles distant.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, APRIL 17 (UP).—NEUTRAL  
OBSERVERS IN LONDON NOW CONSIDER  
THAT THE ODDS AGAINST ITALIAN INTER-  
VENTION IN THE WAR HAVE LENGTHENED,  
DUE TO THE BRITISH NAVAL VICTORIES AND  
THE SWIFT LANDING OF AN EXPEDITIONARY  
FORCE IN NORWAY.

This belief is held despite recent indications  
that Italy appeared bent upon a military adventure.  
These indications are:

- 1.—The formidable increase in Italian exports to Germany;
- 2.—Anti-British demonstrations in Rome;
- 3.—Arrival of a German Military Mission in Rome;
- 4.—Anti-British Press campaign.

It is believed that Italy attempted to convey the idea  
that she might enter the war on the side of Germany in  
order to forestall a sharper Allied blockade against her.

The Allies are believed to be considering a strict  
rationing of maritime imports into Italy, in order to  
prevent re-export to Germany.

### GENEVA PESSIMISM

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
GENEVA, April 17 (Domei).—Abandonment by  
Mussolini of Italian neutrality in the European war is  
envisaged by the "Gazette de Lausanne" and the "Tribune  
de Geneve."

### JAPANESE MISSION DUE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
ROME, April 17 (UP).—A Japanese Military Mis-  
sion is scheduled to arrive in Rome at the end of the  
month.

It is stated that the Mission left Tokyo last week.

A German Military Mission is  
already in Rome.

### Sudden Postponement

#### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, April 16 (UP).—The meet-  
ing of the Committee of the Italian  
World Fair, which was to have been  
held on Saturday, has been suddenly  
postponed.

No reason has been given, but it  
is hinted that the postponement is  
in connection with the European  
situation.

### Speech Deferred

ROME, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—Signor  
Mussolini may refer to the question  
of peace or war in the speech he is  
expected to make here on Saturday  
morning on the occasion of the  
second report of the Commissioner-  
General for the exhibition in Rome  
in 1942.

Speaking on the occasion of the  
first report last year, Il Duce declar-  
ed that if the Fascist Government  
had entertained any thoughts of war,  
it would not be proceeding with the  
gigantic labour of a world exhibition.

### Meeting Postponed

ROME, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—  
Postponement of Saturday's  
meeting at which Signor  
Mussolini was to have spoken, is  
now confirmed.

While newspaper headlines have  
continued to affirm that Germany is  
consolidating her positions in Nor-  
way, the British communiqué an-  
nouncing the landing of forces is  
given the honour of a bold heading  
in most papers.

The "Giornale d'Italia" states that  
it is not possible for a few days to  
give a true account of the respective  
naval losses of the Allies and Ger-  
many.

The "Tribuna" develops the  
theme and says: "Let us wait,  
therefore, for a stabilisation of  
the military situation, to which,  
it seems, will be linked the final  
collapse of the first line of the  
naval blockade."

### German Military Mission To Italy

#### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Apr. 16 (UP).—A German  
Military Mission arrived here to-day  
and was welcomed by high Italian  
military officials.

### Hut Blaze Put Out

Yesterday, a fire broke out in a  
hut above the Hsu Wong Temple,  
Kowloon, but was extinguished by  
buckets of water thrown on the con-  
flagration by persons in the vicinity.

## BRILLIANT R.A.F. RAIDS ON NAZI BASE IN NORWAY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, APRIL 16 (UP).—IN THE SEVENTH  
RAID IN SIX DAYS ON THE NEW NAZI AIR BASE  
OUTSIDE STAVANGER, WAVES OF ROYAL AIR  
FORCE BOMBERS TO-DAY DROPPED HUNDREDS  
OF HIGH EXPLOSIVE AND INCENDIARY BOMBS  
ON THE AIRDROME IN BRIGHT MOONLIGHT  
WEATHER WHICH CONTRASTED WITH THE  
SNOWSTORMS AND RAIN SQUALLS WHICH AC-  
COMPANIED THE PREVIOUS RAIDS.

To-night's raid lasted for  
some hours.

As the British machines  
turned from home, the rear  
gunners had magnificent  
views of two large fires  
caused by the burning  
hangars and grounded Nazi  
machines.

In addition to firing the  
German planes, the British  
airmen pitted the runways  
with craters.

Among the buildings fired by  
incendiary bombs was the air-  
drome control tower.

All the British machines returned  
safely to their bases, despite the ring  
of steel from anti-aircraft guns which  
rose above Stavanger.

The DNB (Official German News  
Agency) refers to the latest British  
raid as "another attack on the open  
city of Stavanger," a report which

any person who has visited Stavanger  
will dispute, since the airport is well  
away from any inhabited area.

The DNB report adds that "several  
private homes were hit and a number  
of Norwegian civilians killed."  
Referring to the British claim that  
several grounded Nazi planes had  
been destroyed, DNB says that "one  
bomb fell on the edge of the airport  
and hit two old type Norwegian  
planes, which were set alight."

"Beyond several hits on the landing  
field which can be immediately  
smoothed out, there was no particular  
damage," DNB claims.

### Brilliant Work

LONDON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—  
Additional details of the raid on  
Stavanger show the airdrome was  
subjected to intensive air attacks  
for over an hour.

Aircraft arriving on the scene after  
the raid had begun were able to  
identify their target when many  
miles out at sea from the fires which  
had been started in earlier attacks.

Over Stavanger a red glow suffused  
the sky and aircraft could be seen  
blazing fiercely at the southern end  
of the airdrome.

### Direct Hits Scored

Direct hits were obtained on run-  
ways, a heavy bomb burst close to  
the civil airdrome and the control  
tower, and another started a fierce  
fire nearby.

Aided by the light of the moon  
the bombers traversed the airdrome  
in successive waves destroying air-  
craft and buildings. They pitted  
the surface of the airdrome with  
bomb craters.

The ground defences put up an  
opposition and the searchlights strove  
vainly to hold the bombers as they  
approached singly from different  
angles to launch the attack.

The light anti-aircraft batteries set  
up a barrage over the centre target.  
Despite opposition from the ground  
PLEASE Turn To Page 2.

## LATEST

## DESPERATE FIGHTING

Norwegians Had  
No Ammunition

### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

KIRUNAES, April 17 (UP).—

After a week's fighting, Ger-  
man troops have reached the  
Swedish border at the head of the  
Narvik-Riksgransen Rail-  
way, which connects the Nor-  
wegian port with the Swedish ore  
mines.

The Norwegians put up a  
desperate battle before yielding the  
frontier post.

When their ammunition gave out  
they were forced to cross the frontier  
into Swedish territory, where they  
laid down their arms and were in-  
terned.

The valley is littered with the  
bodies of dead and wounded from  
both sides.

Part of the Norwegian forces suc-  
ceeded in escaping internment, and  
moved out at dawn to-day to join  
other Norwegian troops elsewhere to  
continue the fight.

The German positions on the  
Swedish border are of strategic im-  
portance because they permit the  
Nazis to contact their forces near  
Narvik. The Germans in Narvik are  
completely isolated and have no  
means of obtaining supplies.

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Further Late News



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### OUTWARD MAILS

Wednesday, April 17

Parcels only for Tientsin ..... 5 p.m.

Shanghai ..... 7.00 p.m.

Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and

France (Paris and Northern Pro-

vinces only) by the "Air France

Direct Service"—due Paris, 25th April.

K.F.O.

Reg. .... Apr. 17, 5.00 p.m.

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G.P.O.

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Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South

Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe

via Marseilles—due Marseilles,

18th May. G.P.O. & K.F.O.

Reg. .... 2.45 p.m.

Ord. .... 3.30 p.m.

Formosa and Shanghai ..... 3.30 p.m.

Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A.,

Central and South America via

Vancouver—due Vancouver

Canada only—due Vancouver

B.C., 10th May. K.F.O.

Parcels, ..... 4.00 p.m.

Reg. .... 4.00 p.m.

Ord. .... 5.00 p.m.

G.P.O.

Parcels, ..... 4.00 p.m.

Reg. .... 5.00 p.m.

Ord. .... 7.00 p.m.

Amoy ..... 7 p.m.

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Mono-

lulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan

American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 24th April.

K.F.O.

Reg. .... Apr. 18, 5 p.m.

Ord. .... Apr. 18, 7.30 p.m.

Friday, Apr. 19

Parcels only for Tientsin ..... 5 p.m.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

### THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

#### NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary  
General Meeting of the Company  
will be held at the Office of the  
General Managers, Messrs. Jar-  
dine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.,  
Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on  
Thursday, 30th May, 1940, at noon,  
for the purpose of receiving the  
Report of the Directors, passing  
the Accounts, and electing Direc-  
tors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Com-  
pany will be closed from the 23rd  
May to 13th June inclusive.  
By order of the Board,

JARDINE, MATHESON &  
CO., LTD.  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 16th April, 1940.

### UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Thirty-fifth Annual General  
Meeting of Shareholders will be  
held at the Office of Messrs.  
Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hongkong  
& Shanghai Bank Building, on Mon-  
day, the 22nd April, 1940, at 11  
a.m. for the purpose of receiving  
the report of the General Managers  
together with a Statement of  
Accounts for the year ended 31st  
December, 1939.

The Transfer Books of the Com-  
pany will be closed from 6th April  
to 22nd April, 1940, both days  
inclusive.

DODWELL & COMPANY  
LIMITED.  
General Managers.

### FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

#### What to do to help a child

Anyone knowing of a child who  
has been assaulted, neglected, or  
ill-treated in a manner likely to  
cause unnecessary suffering or injury  
to health, or knowing of a parent  
who is seeking advice on any matter  
concerning a child, would be doing  
an act of kindness by communicating  
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The Hon. General Secretary,  
H.K.S.P.C., Old City Hall.  
The Inspector, 49, Pokfulam Road,  
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The Inspector, 82, Stone Nullah  
Lane, 2nd Floor.  
The Inspector, 12, Sai Yeung Choi  
St., Kowloon.  
The Inspector, 52, Argyle St.,  
Kowloon.  
All further steps will be taken, and  
expenses borne, by the Society.  
The Informant's name will be  
kept strictly private, except in cases  
where malice is proved.

### Engineering And Construction Coy's \$2,611 Profit

The Annual Report of the Hong-  
kong Engineering and Construction  
Co. Ltd. discloses that the net profit  
for the year 1938, after charging  
\$97,383.65 for Depreciation and pro-  
viding for Directors' and Auditors'  
fees, amounted to \$2,611.70, to which  
has been added the balance brought  
forward from the previous year  
(\$10,505.08), making a total of \$13,-  
177.

The Directors are to recommend at  
the Eighteenth Ordinary Annual  
Meeting of Shareholders, which will  
be held on May 1, that the total  
amount available should be carried  
forward to the 1940 accounts.  
Sir Robert Ho Tung and Sir Elly  
Kadoorie retire from the Board of  
Directors by rotation, but offer  
themselves for re-election.

### CHINA FLEET CLUB THEATRE

#### Saturday, April 20

#### at

#### 9.15 p.m.

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#### THE "TELEGRAPH"

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## WESTERN FRONT French And Nazi Raids

### Allied Troops Score On Both Occasions

#### LONDON, Apr. 16, (Reuter).

#### A message from Reuter's cor-

#### respondent who is with the

#### French Army states that three

#### small columns staged a highly

#### successful raid on a German

#### position west of the Vosges.

#### They captured some prisoners.

#### Inside the post itself a hand to

#### hand struggle occurred. On per-

#### ceiving this the German artillery

#### shelled its own position without re-

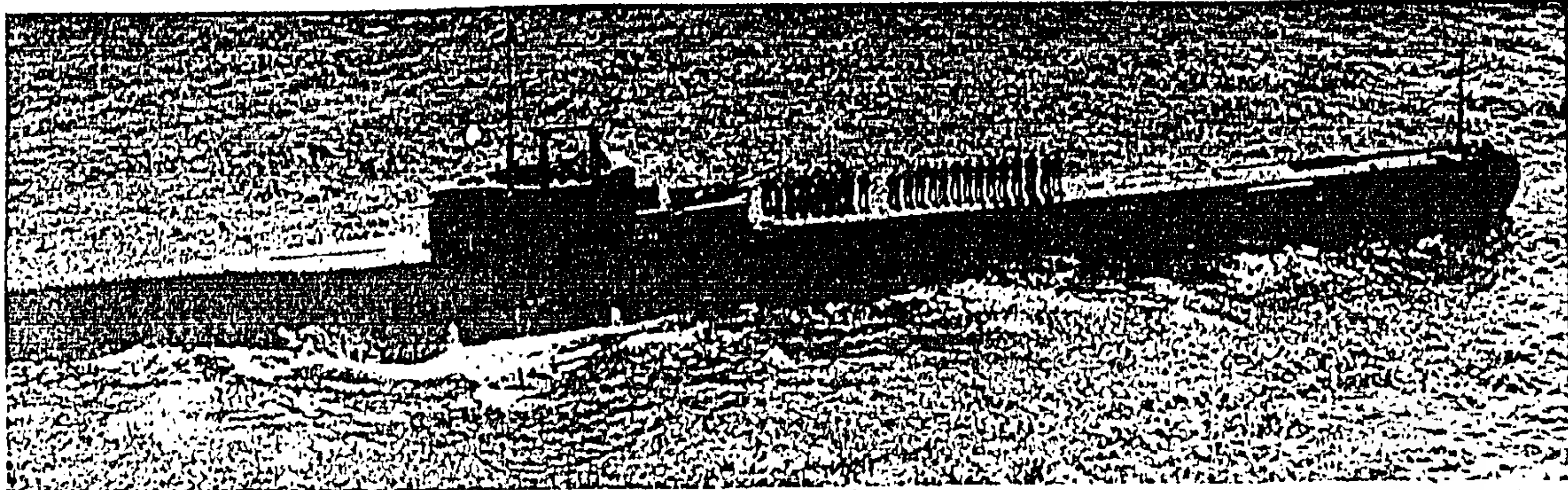
#### gard for the lives of the Germans

#### who were fighting there.

#### The



# MAGAZINE PAGE



**BRITISH** submarines challenge the enemy in her own waters. Some do not come back.

Honour the men who go under the sea. Until the Norwegian invasion there has been little talk in this war of British submarines. They are the most silent ships of the "Silent Service"—known among men of the Royal Navy as "the trade." In the last war they were rarely mentioned in official Press reports.

The service has been dubbed "the Trade" since the early days when smart crews of surface ships chose this name to describe the gallant men in grease-stained overalls and grimy cheeks who manned these "crazy" submersibles. The name—now glowing with a tradition of honour—remains.

But there is still reticence in naval circles when British submarines are spoken of.

ADMIRAL S. S. Hall, who commanded the service for the greater part of the last war,

## The men who go under the sea

gives what is probably the best explanation. He says in a preface of William Guy Carr's book "By Guess and By God":

"For the period of the Great War (1914-18) and for some years after the very word 'submarine' was repugnant to us... Think of it! With the largest armada the world has ever seen at anchor in Scapa, with an auxiliary patrol of some 4000 vessels specially equipped for anti-submarine patrols, and with the assistance of the whole of the world's navies excepting those of Germany and Austria, we steadily lost 130 vessels per month from enemy submarine action. In the active period of submarine warfare the average sinkings were six per cent."

That was the view of the man who was in charge of all British submarines expressed 12 years after the Great War had ended.

HIS bitterness would not find the same cause in the war against Nazism to-day but the hurt and injury to the men of his service still endures.

Not one enemy or neutral civilian lost a life in the last war—nor so far in this war—as a result of hostile action by a British submarine.

submarine commands in the world. From the Thames class of 1800 tons with a surface speed of 22 knots down to the 1918-built "H" class of a little over 400 tons with a cruising speed of 14 knots, there are over 70 vessels commissioned in "the Trade."

The British submarines have two main activities. (1) They accompany the fleet—that is large capital ships on reconnaissance or in action; (2) they explore enemy waters on patrol searching out and attacking enemy surface ships, a task as dangerous as any in the world.

THE submarine is a creature of stealth, foremost in the line of fighting ships, always alone.

Small bands of men steadfast and courageous, must have unwavering loyalty and trust in their commander on whom alone the success and safety of the ship depends.

The British submarine is the only ship of the Royal Navy which cannot sail proudly under her own colours in home waters in time of war.

I spent some hours recently aboard a destroyer at work in the English Channel on the Dover Patrol.

"We can't let a submarine move in our waters without a destroyer escort," an officer confided to me. "They would be attacked at once without challenge if there was not a surface vessel accompanying to give the recognition signal. A lone submarine to us is just another U-boat to be exterminated as quickly as possible."

"The Trade," he added after a pause, "is a tricky business."

Furthermore, the Navy knows that it isn't only gunfire and depth charges that deal death to the men of the submarine service. The Poseidon, the M-2, the Thetis, all bear witness to the lurking danger of a service that takes its toll of life in peace-time as well as in war. But glory they have earned, and possess, though it is little known.

THE exploits of British submarines in the Dardanelles and the Sea of Marmara are famous to-day even if years passed before the gallant tales could be told.

Men such as Holbrook, Boyle, Nalanth, took their ships and stout-hearted crews through the treacherous minefields of the Straits in the first few months of the last war to cripple Turkish naval and contraband traffic. Each commander received the Victoria Cross and decorations were distributed among most of the crew.

To-day the submarines of the Royal Navy are back once more at action stations. They are gloriously carrying the tradition of "The Trade."

## SHORT SHORT STORY

### THE MAN WHO SIDE-TRACKED HIS BRAIN

"I KNEW a case," said the financier, "of a man with the most brilliant brains, who had finance at his finger tips."

"He was a man called Smoogs, utterly unknown of course. And I say 'of course,' because he never used his brains; or rather I should say he never made any use of them, which can be quite a different thing. He just side-tracked them, ran them down a siding that led nowhere, and he might have been as big a financier as any of us."

"Do you know what he did? Sit down and I'll tell you. He went and played chess. All the intellect that might have controlled, well, more than I can tell you, he wasted over a chessboard."

"It came gradually at first; he used to play chess with a man during the luncheon hour, when he and I both worked for the same firm. And after a while he began to beat the fellow, which he never could do at first."

"Then he joined a chess club, and some kind of fascination seemed to come over him; something like drink, or more likely poetry or music; but, as I was never addicted to any of the three, I can't say. Anyway it completely got hold of him and he began to lose interest in things."

"He became a good player, there was no doubt of that, and he won a good many prizes. And the value of all the prizes he won in his life would have added up to about a hundred dollars. I've made a thousand times as much in an hour. And more than once. But that is all he ever got out of playing chess."

"Why? That man could have handled millions. He did dabble a bit in finance, as I dabbled a bit in chess; in fact we started together in the same firm, as I told

you; but we both left our dabbings and went our different ways."

"And his way led nowhere. He could have done it though; he could have been a financier. They say it's no harder than chess, though chess leads to nothing. I never saw such brains so wasted."

"Well," said the warder, "I can't sit listening to you all day, but I see your point and I agree with it. There are men like that. It's a pity, but there are men just like that."

He looked the financier up for the night, and hurried back to his work.

THE END

## INANITY FARE



Cable Even if he was able Wouldn't bombard Lombard

## Scandinavia Is In The News

### POPULATION

Strictly speaking, there are 13,014,000 Scandinavians. Namely: 3,733,000 Danes; 2,267,000 Swedes; 2,855,000 Norwegians; 177,000 Icelanders. The Finns, who from many points of view might be considered to belong to the same group, add 3,810,000 to the number.

### GEOGRAPHY

Geographically the Scandinavian lands are very large, but for the purpose of human habitation quite tiny. Sweden resembles a large Christmas stocking, with a little bit of candy in the toe; the candy is the people. Norway is a long belt with a tiny edge of lace on one side and end; that lace is the people. They inhabit parts of the shore and a few of the valleys. Denmark is a little more than half as big as Maine.

### GULF STREAM

These are the most northern civilized countries in the world and they would be a dreary winter land of snow and ice, were it not for the kindly Gulf Stream. The sweltering heat that Texas

and Louisiana experience in summer really heats up the Gulf Stream for Norway and Sweden.

### BOOKS

Country Life in Norway—by Axel H. Oshorn.

The Gulf Stream credited with enabling one-third of the people in this far-north, mountainous land to prosper on farms.

Farm-Labour Relations in Scandinavia—by Marquis W. Childs.

Study of Scandinavian efforts to strike a balance between the standards of the farm and city.

Social Problems and Policies in Sweden—in the Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science.

Series of articles on Sweden's handling of a dozen or more social problems.

How the Scandinavians Do It—by Marquis W. Childs.

In these northern European countries labour rules democratically despite left and right critics and neighbouring dictatorships.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Two armed bandits broke in here and escaped without buying a thing!"

WHILE the great war rages, another ruthless war goes on at home. I mean the endless, desperate struggle to keep up with the neighbours.

The casualties are fearful, and ought to be a warning to the rest of us.

I DON'T know how modern the vice of living beyond one's means may be, but I do know that it has been going on as long as remember. And I know people who were doing it before I was born, and still are.

Most of them are extremely respectable. You never think, looking at their curtained windows and their whitened doorsteps, that a pair of maiden sisters of my acquaintance were starving

themselves in order to keep up appearances.

For years they starved a maid, too, but she escaped in time to save her life, and now the old ladies do their own housework with the blinds down, and complain bitterly of the servant problem, which they regard as the curse of the modern age.

Their tragedy is that they do not really keep up appearances. All they keep up is a pretence to know all about them.

But far from looking down on them, the neighbours admire them for the brave show they make. After all, they do not let the neighbourhood down by getting into the police courts.

The difference between such people as these and clerks who swindle their employers in order to keep up appearances is that the old

ladies are still trying to keep in the class they were born in, while the clerks are struggling to climb into a class above their own.

PASSING from one class to another is a full-time job. Nobody can do it and attend to business, too. It is much easier to become rich than to ape the rich successfully.

If I had a son I should say to him: "If you want to live as rich men do, the first thing to do is to make money. For God's sake don't try to do it until you have the wherewithal to get away with it. If you do try you will be found out sooner or later, and your fate will be dreadful."

He might argue: "But why

shouldn't I have a motor-car, cock-tails, and cigars?"

I should reply: "Nothing would please me more than to ride in my son's elegant limousine, smoking his cigars. If I could distribute the products of this earth, everybody would have motor-cars, cock-tails, cigars, and everything they wanted in that line."

There is surely no harm in wanting these things and trying to get them.

Ambition is a good thing, and so is contentment. I do not care which of the two you choose, but you can't have both.

"I think on the whole that contentment is preferable. Contented people cause other people little trouble, and have a pretty good time themselves. But ambitious people suffer terribly and often cause others to suffer."

"Look at Hitler, the ex-batman. If anybody ever spoiled the rich, he did. He learned their

ways in officers' messes, and made up his mind to step out of his class."

"If Hitler had realised where he belonged the world would have been spared much trouble. Because they made him paint houses instead of pictures his soul was filled with hatred."

"Read Mein Kampf. It is a cry-baby book from beginning to end. It is a success story gone wrong."

"It shows what may happen to a man who tries to behave like people richer and wiser than himself instead of settling down comfortably and having a family."

H. W. S.

## SOUR STOMACH

Heartburn, bad breath are nature's warnings that there's too much acid in the stomach. That is the time to take Phillips' Milk of Magnesia. Phillips' neutralizes the acid, soothes the stomach, stimulates digestion, aids elimination. Phillips' has been endorsed by doctors everywhere for over 50 years.

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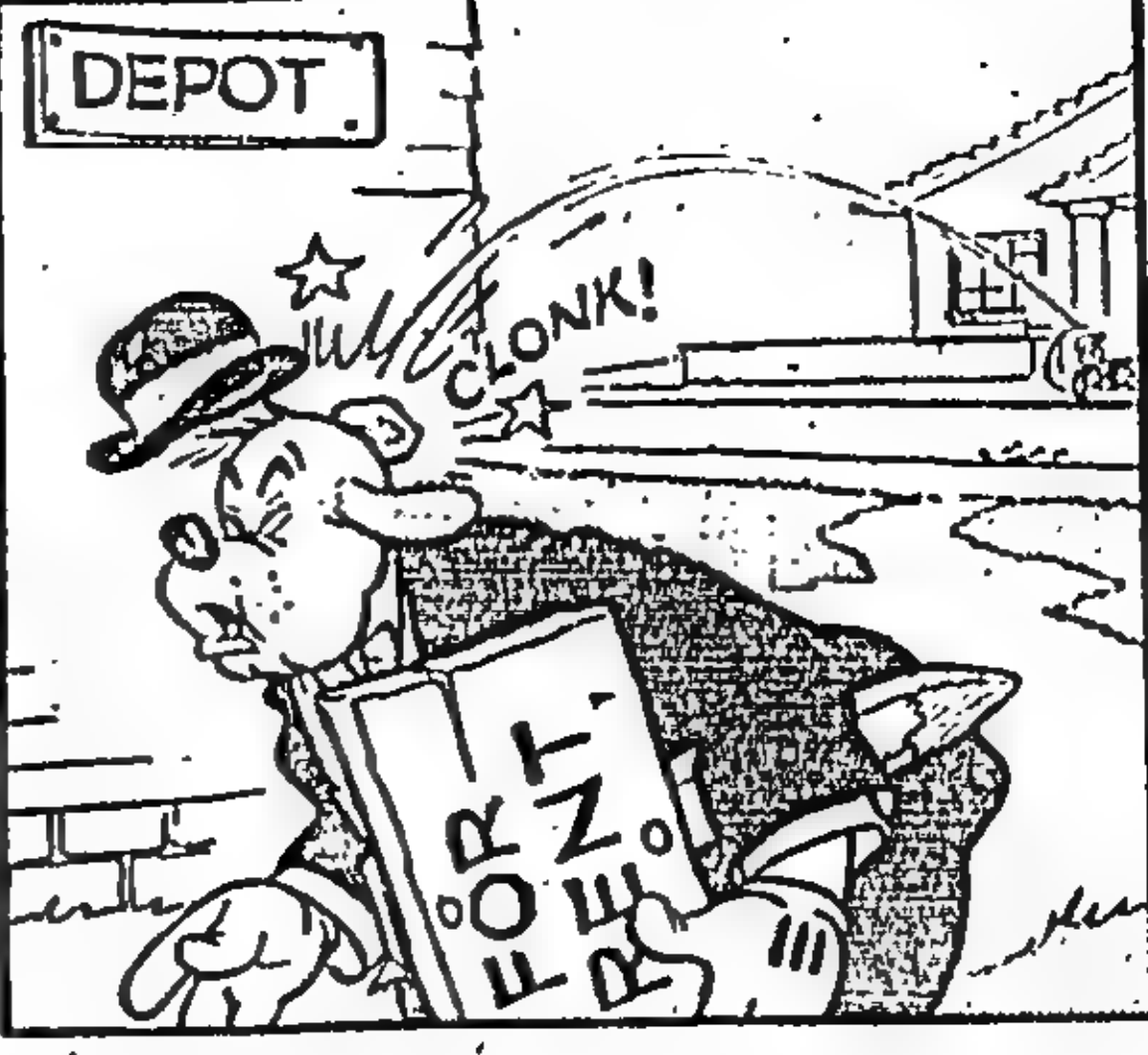
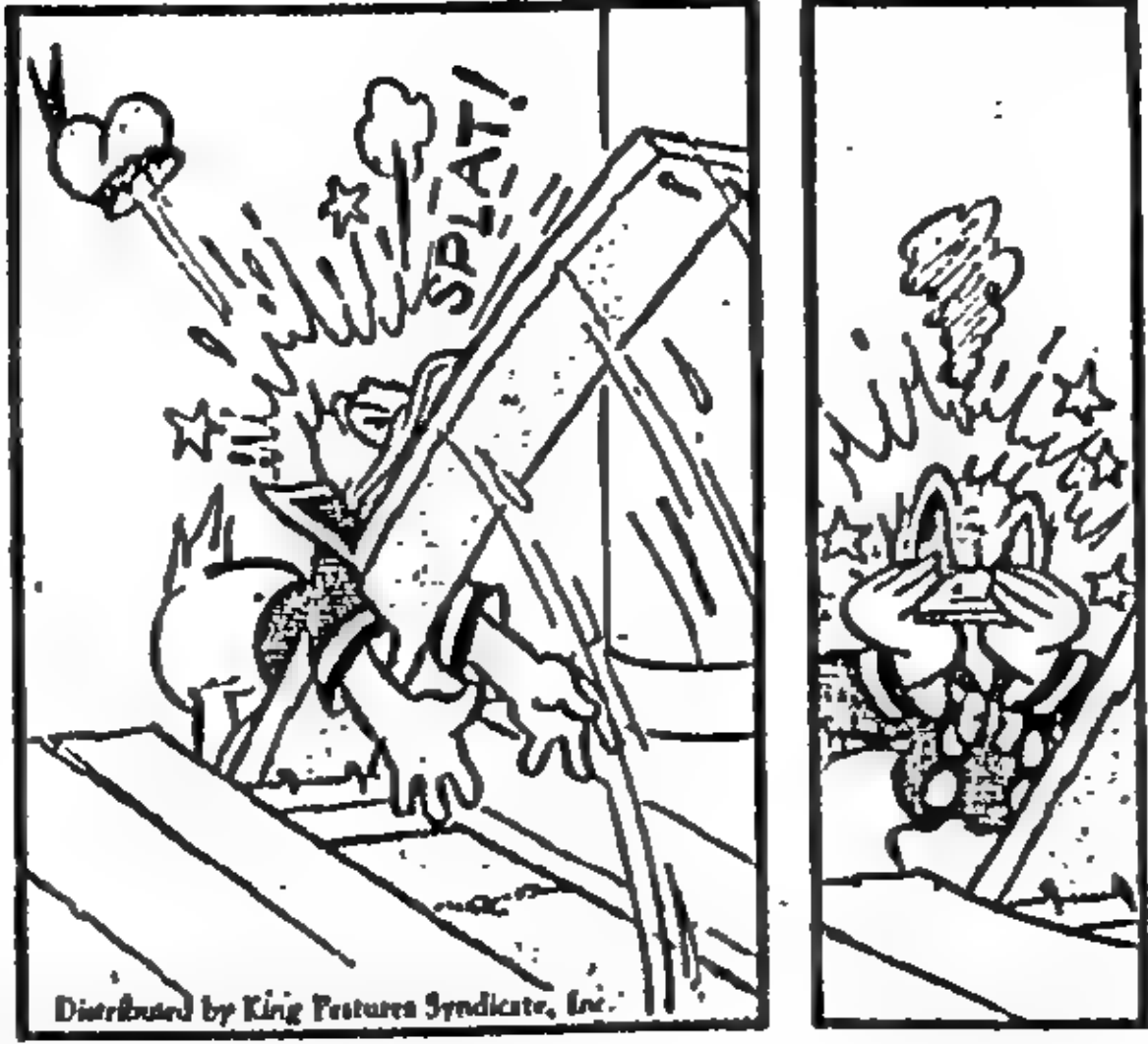
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## Fatal Tram Mishap

Man Dies After Being Knocked Down

Several traffic accidents were reported to the Police yesterday, and one tram mishap had a fatal result.

Tram Inspector Wan Kit reported that while a tram was travelling in Hennessy Road an unidentified Chinese man crossed the tram and was knocked down, sustaining serious injuries to the head. The man died this morning.

Motorist driver Ng Shu-kum reported that as he was turning his car from Des Voeux Road Central into Pender Street, a tram which was following, collided with his car. No persons were injured. The mud-guard and bumper of the car were damaged.

### Nathan Road Accident

Miss Lily Lee of Prince Edward Road reported that as she was driving a car along Nathan Road near Cameron Road an unidentified Chinese man crossed the road and collided with the car. The man fell down but arose and walked away, apparently uninjured.

Bus driver Po Tak-wing, reported that as he was driving a bus in Bulkeley Street a man, Wong To, stepped into the roadway and collided with the side of the bus. Wong was taken to hospital with injuries to the face.

Lo Wing-ho, licensed driver of Stanley village reported that his car knocked down Cheung Sui-chi, 14, who received injuries to the left leg.

## Major Baseball Leagues Make A Start

NEW YORK, Apr. 17 (UP).—The official opening of the Major Baseball Leagues was staged to-day when President Roosevelt threw the first ball of the opening match in the American League, wherein the Boston Red Sox blanked out the Washington Senators and won by 1-0.

The final scores were:

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	5	7	1
Detroit	0	5	1
(Wyatt pitched for the Dodgers).			
Chicago	1	0	2
Cincinnati	2	8	0

(Galan homered for the Cubs, and McCormick and Goodman, for the Reds.)

Philadelphia	3	0	2
New York	1	3	2
(Suhr homered for the Phillies).			
Pittsburgh	6	15	3
St. Louis	4	7	1
(Davis homered for the Pirates).			

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Boston	1	7	1
Washington	0	2	1
(Grove pitched for the Red Sox).			
New York	1	0	0
Philadelphia	2	0	1

(Ten innings were played. Johnson homered for the Athletics.)

Cleveland	1	0	1
Chicago	0	0	1
(Feller pitched for the Indians).			
St. Louis	5	10	2
Detroit	1	7	2
(Judrich homered for the Browns).			

## Rush To Fight For Norway

Thousands Offer Aid In London

LONDON, Apr. 16 (Reuters).—So many applications for enlistment in the Norwegian forces have been received by the Norwegian Legation here that a special depot is to be opened to-morrow to deal with them. An official of the Legation stated that at the moment it was only possible to register volunteers who he understood, could be of any nationality.

They hoped, he said, later to devise a scheme in association with British officials for using the men's services.

A number of Norwegian pilots are already serving on British warships.

## Trawler Feared Lost

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, April 16 (UP).—The Aberdeen trawler Sansonnet is feared lost. It has a crew of ten men aboard.

## Dutch Firm Sued

Case Resumes At The Supreme Court

Hearing of the action brought by the Sang Wo Tai firm against the Holland-China Trading Co., claiming \$8,000 in connection with contracts for the sale of canvas, was continued before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, in the Supreme Court this morning.

Plaintiffs' case is that they entered into seven contracts with defendants for the delivery of 870 bales of canvas, but owing to the fall of Canton they found it difficult to export the goods. As a result another contract was entered whereby additional charges were to be paid for the transportation of the goods by another route.

The defence is that the new contract was for another 870 bales, and that as a result of the failure of plaintiffs to deliver these they had refused to pay the balance of \$8,000. Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Mr. Peter H. Sin, is for plaintiffs, and defendants are represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jr., instructed by Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist.

### Canton Office Burned

Wong Luen-chuen, partner and manager of plaintiff firm, on being further cross-examined, said the office in Canton was burnt when the Japanese invaded the city. Since then they had no office in Canton but a godown.

Mr. D'Almada: If that is so, can you explain why when Mr. Klimenick, of defendant firm, visited your office here he was told the matter had nothing to do with the Hongkong office?—I don't know. I did not say that.

Isn't it true that your Hongkong office was trying to disclaim all liability?—No. At that time the goods were still in Canton. Further questioned, witness said he did not know why two letters addressed to his firm by the Holland-China Trading Co. were refused because he was not present at the time. At the time of the occupation of Canton, he had also outstanding contracts with Jensen and Co., Loxy and Co. and Kim Yuen, but with Carlowitz and Co., or Karanjia and Co.

The new contract was made because of the additional transportation charges and had nothing to do with an additional 870 bales; it referred only to the same order mentioned in the other contracts.

### Should Share Charges

In answer to Mr. Potter, witness said that before the trouble in Canton the average monthly sales of canvas amounted to \$50,000; since the fall of the city they had dropped to only \$3,000 or \$4,000.

Wong Pak-hau, father of the previous witness and one of the founders of plaintiff firm, testified to having seen Mr. Klimenick when he asked him to devise means of having the goods delivered and suggested that any additional transportation charges should be shared. Mr. Klimenick never suggested that an additional 870 bales be delivered.

The case is proceeding.

## AUSSIE PILOTS WELCOMED

LONDON, Apr. 17 (Reuters).—Group Captain F. H. Macnamara, the Australian Air Liaison Officer in London, welcomed the members of the Royal Australian Air Force when they arrived in London last night to reinforce the Australian squadron, which arrived in England last Christmas and has since been on active service with the Coastal Command of the R.A.F.

Several members of the Royal Australian Naval Volunteer Reserve also arrived at the same time.

## NAZI ECONOMIC EXPERT FAILS

BUCHAREST, Apr. 16 (Reuters).—Dr. Karl Clodius, the German economic expert, is expected to return to Germany at the week-end. It is understood that he has neither succeeded in getting the rate decreased in terms of Reichsmarks nor obtained any considerable increase in the export of foodstuffs to Germany.

## Egypt's Taxes To Be Increased

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" CAIRO, Apr. 16 (UP).—The Egyptian Government has decided to increase all taxes by one per cent. in order to meet the increasing expenditure on defence.

## POSED AS CHINESE

\$250 Fine For Offence By Japanese

Mutsuji Kawamura, 29, described as a clerk, was fined \$250 by Mr. Edwards at the Central Magistracy to-day for having given false information to the Hongkong Hotel by entering a false name and nationality, passing himself as H. S. Liang, a Chinese subject.

Sergeant Hill said at 3 p.m. yesterday the defendant entered the Hotel and booked a room, full particulars of the registration form being entered. Five minutes later a check was made by the Registration Department and defendant was present and was recognised as a Japanese subject.

### H.K. Resident For 10 Years

The Sergeant said defendant had been in Hongkong for 10 years. Mr. Edwards: Why did you do this?

Defendant: I think it would be more better to stay in the Hotel as a Chinese than a Japanese.

Saying that there were no redeeming features in the case and pointing out that defendant had been in Hongkong for 10 years, Mr. Edwards imposed a fine of \$250.

## SALVAGING FOR PRECIOUS CARGO

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Apr. 17 (Domei).—A Japanese salvage association is to make a new effort this month to salvage the valuable cargo of gold bars and precious stones which lie at the bottom of the Sea of Japan in the P. O. liner Nijo.

The Nile sank off Kamsokki twenty-five years ago.

Previous efforts at salvage have failed because of the prevailing strong currents and the great depth in which the ship lies. The last attempt was made in 1932.

An attempt will be made this time to raise the Nile.

## Strip-Tease Ban Likely

London's Moralists Up In Arms

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Apr. 16 (UP).—London's Guardians of Public Morals and the theatrical producers debated to-day on means of combating the strip-tease menace imported from the United States.

The producers are accused of offending public morals by importing an increasing number of strip-tease acts.

The only agreement reached was that "nudity on the stage is undesirable."

It is expected that another conference will be called by the Lord Chamberlain in an effort to curtail, if not ban, nudity.

Meanwhile, most of the producers have agreed that the show must go on!

## Floods Damage Buenos Aires

Three-Day Rainstorm Costs £200,000

BUENOS AIRES, Apr. 16 (Reuters).—Damage estimated at £200,000 was done by floods in the low-lying parts of Buenos Aires as the result of a three-day rainstorm.

Troops, firemen and the Police were called out to fight the floods.

The city's electricity supply partially failed, plunging large areas in darkness. An aerodrome was flooded and a number of planes were destroyed. Many wooden huts in the suburbs collapsed. Many people are homeless and many cattle and horses were drowned.

LONDON, Apr. 16 (UP).—Mr. Neville Chamberlain stated to-day that he had no intention of resigning the Premiership.

## BREAKING THE NEWS

Gentle Dose Of Truth For Nazi Public

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BERLIN, Apr. 17 (UP).—The presence of strong British naval forces and transport ships off Lofoten and Hardstad indicates that the enemy's plan is probably to attempt a landing in one of the innumerable fjords in that sector.

This is the first indication the German public has been permitted to receive that all is not beer and skittles in Norway.

It was released to-day by DNB, the official German news agency.

Admits British Success DNB admits that a "British bombing attack in the north" was successful but claims that, apart from this, the situation is unchanged.

"German forces at Narvik have been closely studying the intentions of their opponents," DNB declares. "The fact that the enemy have concentrated their activity in the Narvik sector, where they hope their superior naval forces will bring them success, seems to prove that the British have reconciled themselves to a German occupation and evacuation of more important parts of Norway."

"The rapid progress by German troops makes it apparent that an English attack on Norway is pointless."

## SUPERIOR U.S. WAR PLANES

WASHINGTON, Apr. 16 (Reuters).—American-made combat planes delivered to the Allies have brought out Germany's finest aircraft and have demonstrated their superiority over the comparable European types, according to an official statement from the Navy Department to the Senate Naval Committee.

The planes referred to are slower and less modern in design than the best American planes which are now available for purchase by the Allies.

# MY TWO YEARS WITH HITLER



Sir Neville Henderson, P.C., C.M.G., Late His Majesty's Ambassador at Berlin.

BY  
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## Russian Help To Nazis

WHATEVER self-gratulation the gramophonic Nazi Press may indulge in, there is not likely to be much real rejoicing among German higher circles about the trade agreement with Russia. The Soviet is a customer likely to break even the toughest heart—that is, the heart of a Nazi.

Some admirers (at a safe distance) of the new order in Russia had convinced themselves that the country's inveterate inefficiency had gone out with Tsardom. More cautious observers had their doubts, which were confirmed by all that happened in the Soviet aggression on Finland.

Moreover, it is no secret that Russia's response to German solicitations during the last eight months has been as disappointing in a material as in a military sense. Enough has happened to prevent Hitler from dreaming of speedy victory helped by Soviet resources. The Bear remains true to its nature—a clumsy, cumbersome animal whose intentions are not easy to divine.

An American authority who has made careful study of Russia's ability to help Germany with key material has put his conclusions briefly. If the present siege war lasts for two years without major battles, he says, so that there is a minimum expenditure of war materials in the field, and granted that Germany has time to accumulate war stocks and reorganise Soviet industry and transport, then Russian aid might well be decisive in determining the military outcome in the West. But in a short war of big offensives Russia cannot give decisive aid to Germany.

This looks like suggesting that time is on the side of the Nazis. But what hope have they of substantially reorganising Soviet industry and transport when so deeply committed to those tasks at home? Further, what prospect is there that the two brands of totalitarianism would amicably co-operate in the projected reorganisation? It seems much more likely that they would pull in opposite directions.

## FLARE-UP EXPECTED

## French Minister's West Front Warning

PARIS, Apr. 11 (Reuter).—The front might blaze up any day, said a War Ministry spokesman, giving a warning that "events in North Europe must not make us forget the front between the Moselle and the Rhine."

He added: "At various points we have observed indications of preparations for an attack."

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PARIS, Apr. 11 (Reuter).

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## Big German Offensive In West Predicted By French G.H.Q.

SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAPH

LONDON, APRIL 12 (UP).—THE BELIEF IS GROWING IN LONDON THAT A BIG GERMAN OFFENSIVE IS IMPENDING IN THE WEST.

Holland, and perhaps Belgium, are now thought with increasing conviction to be next in Hitler's blitzkrieg time-table.

Not merely amateur strategists but more and more experts are embracing the theory that the entire Scandinavian adventure, besides its immediate objectives, was designed as a

# If The Test Comes —will the generals start again where they left off last time?

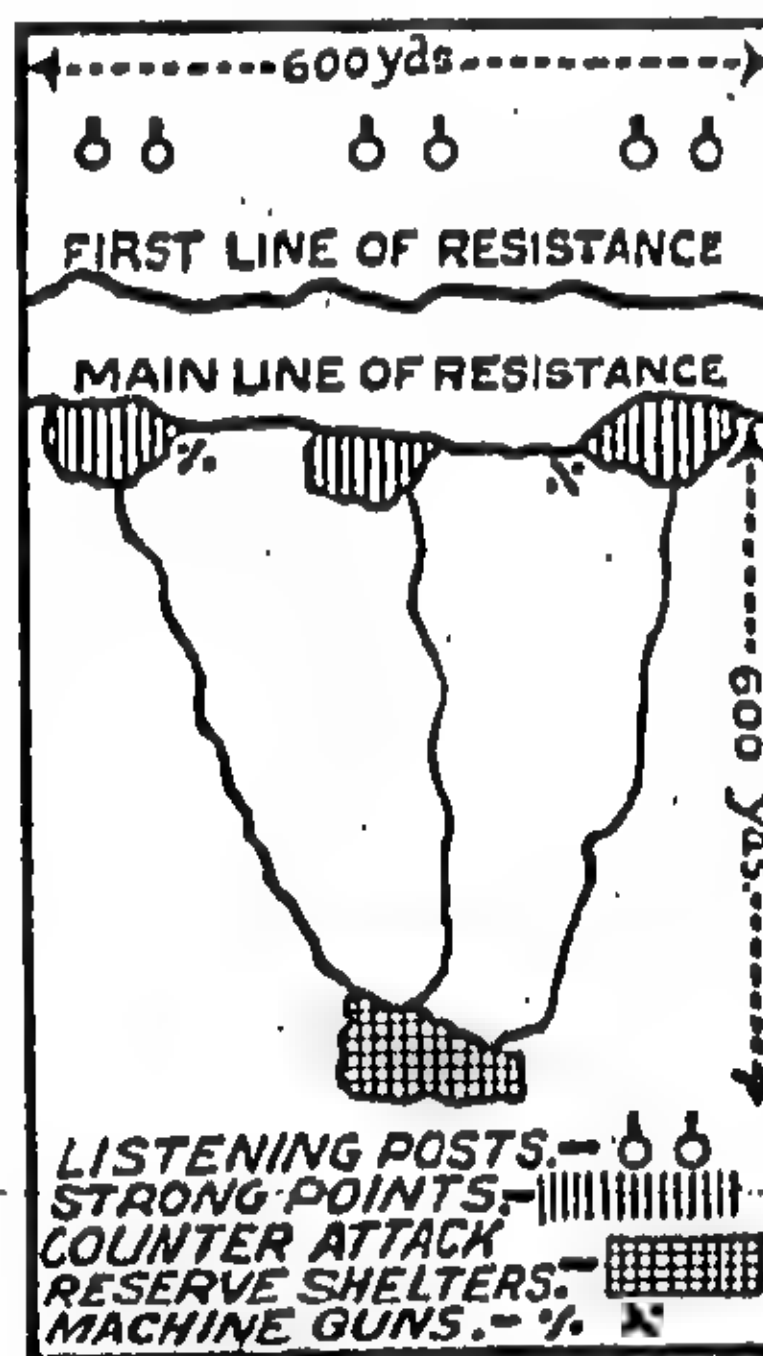
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GALLAGHER

"Daily Express" War  
Reporter back from  
the Western Front

THERE was another dawn raid in May twenty-five years ago. The same enemy after prisoners as they were in the B.E.F. raid last week.

Among things the enemy found in the raided French trench near La Ville, north of Rheims, was a document of apparent minor importance.



It was headed—"Construction of a Defensive Position," and contained a diagram like this.

It was signed by the French Fifth Army Commander. In routine fashion it went to Operations Section of the German Supreme Command (O.H.L.), whose chief was Colonel Fritz von Lossberg, described as the only "artist in war, if not the name who rose to responsible position in any belligerent army in 1914-1918." This is Captain G. C. Wynne's evaluation of von Lossberg, whom he makes the chief character in his book, "If Germany Attacks."

THIS was the backbone of the German Army's actions: "Defend the foremost line rigidly. Keep it heavily garrisoned in order to hold it at all costs." It necessitated packing troops so densely into the foremost line that it was exposed to Allied assault in these ways:—

(1) The daily increasing power of our bombardment would cause ever heavier casualties among the close ranks well within our range.

(2) The then existing and obsolete Allied method of attack by massed man-power in successive waves might be modernised suddenly and help break through on a wide front the rigidly held line which had such inadequate reserves behind it.

The junior members urged a thinning out of the foremost line, to give the whole front line depth and resiliency, but their ideas were vague....

Then came the French document—written ten days before. To the junior members it was a cooling mould for their as yet liquid ideas. "An inspiration towards a solution for which they had been searching," says Captain Wynne. "The original touch in this instruction was that the main line of resistance, that is, the line of pickets, was to be held not by a continuous line of rifles, as was usual, but by a line of strong points, about 200 yards apart, and these strong points were to be constructed like miniature forts for all-round defence and capable of offering long resistance, 'even though surrounded on all sides.' Their garrisons were to hold on until relieved by victorious counter-attack by the reserves from the third line...."

So was born the Siegfried Line. They are direct descendants of the Hindenburg Line of 1917, whose official name then was actually Siegfried.

VON LOSSBERG gets his first recognition as an "artist in war." He is promoted to chief of staff of the Third Army to replace a lieutenant-general — "a marked honour for a junior colonel." And Captain Wynne traces his career from the Champagne battles of 1915 to the Somme campaign (July-November 1916) in his (Wynne's) masterly effort to "understand the clash of battle doctrines which appears to be imminent" on the Western Front to-day.

HE writes: "There is a saying that in a military sense a new war begins where the last one left off; the human imagination is so unreliable that actual experience is needed before changes can be made to an established doctrine." He therefore examines the doctrines of the opposing armies in the west at the end of the last war. The outstanding feature was the German development of the defensive battle, which produced the "battle in depth," of which the giant fortified lines of to-day are the natural evolution. That is the keynote of his remarkable book, and "battle in depth" from the autumn of 1915 onwards was mainly the work of one master-mind—von Lossberg, artist in war.

And so to the Somme. The British offensive — another promotion for von Lossberg and his complete conversion to the doctrine of his former junior officers.

Captain Wynne writes a brilliant twenty-seven-page account of that mighty Somme upheaval lead swept into the advancing Weight of metal may be the — a glimpse of real land warfare, lines... The advance rapidly correct answer."

not yet resumed on the Western Front:—

"The night... passed quietly, and the day broke clear with the promise of a Sunday of blue skies."

"The Germans in their deep, tunnelled dug-outs in the front line had finished their morning coffee, and the night sentries had been relieved, when suddenly, at 6 a.m., a great mass of shells burst with a thundering crash on and along the whole front... This violent tornado lasted some hours, until about midday the shelling changed to a steady, carefully aimed fire, as if the British batteries were competing with one another in shooting tournament, but during the afternoon the bombardment increased again...."

"CLOUDS of chlorine gas crossed No-man's Land from the British trenches. The dense fumes filled every crevice in the ground. They crept like live things down the steps of the dug-outs.... The battle area was enveloped in a dark, muddy fog.... The Germans, who up to now had endured the inferno almost with indifference, began to feel alarmed. The concussion put out candles and acetylene lights in the deepest dug-outs. The walls rocked like the sides of a ship... rats, mice, moles, and much else came out of holes and corners and lay dead about the place.... The British gunners, whom the Germans imagined in the heat of 1940,"

the day at their work of destruction, appeared indefatigable... The German front defences no longer existed... a succession of shell holes replaced them...."

When the mighty preparatory barrage ended (1,628,000 shells were used by 1,518 guns) the Germans clambered from their crushed hide-outs into... endurance of human beings, and it is... probable that mass-production of munitions has reached such a pitch to-day that a barrage so laid can set that limit. It may well be that the counter-attack by the Maginot Line... "Some carried Kodaks to lay down will cause such a holocaust of men and machines... stopping to take pictures."

"Got ready!" was passed as will revolt the ranks of the German front from aggressor, whatever gods his General Staff may worship. A hail of General Staff may worship. A hail of General Staff may worship. A hail of General Staff may worship.

crumbled under this hail of bullets... Again and again extended lines of British infantry broke against the German defence like waves against a cliff. "It was an 'amazing spectacle of unexampled gallantry, courage, and bulldog determination on both sides.' By evening, however, the attack had come to a standstill, and the 180th Infantry Regiment was still in possession of the whole trace of its original trench system...."

NOW von Lossberg began to overhaul the entire German system. The foremost line became a defence zone within which the units moved as the situation demanded. Shell holes were linked by trenches.

Official German casualties on the Somme were 465,000, against an Allied total of 623,000 (419,000 British). "These figures... showed an increasing proportion of German casualties, and it was the slower of the German Army which was gradually being lost...."

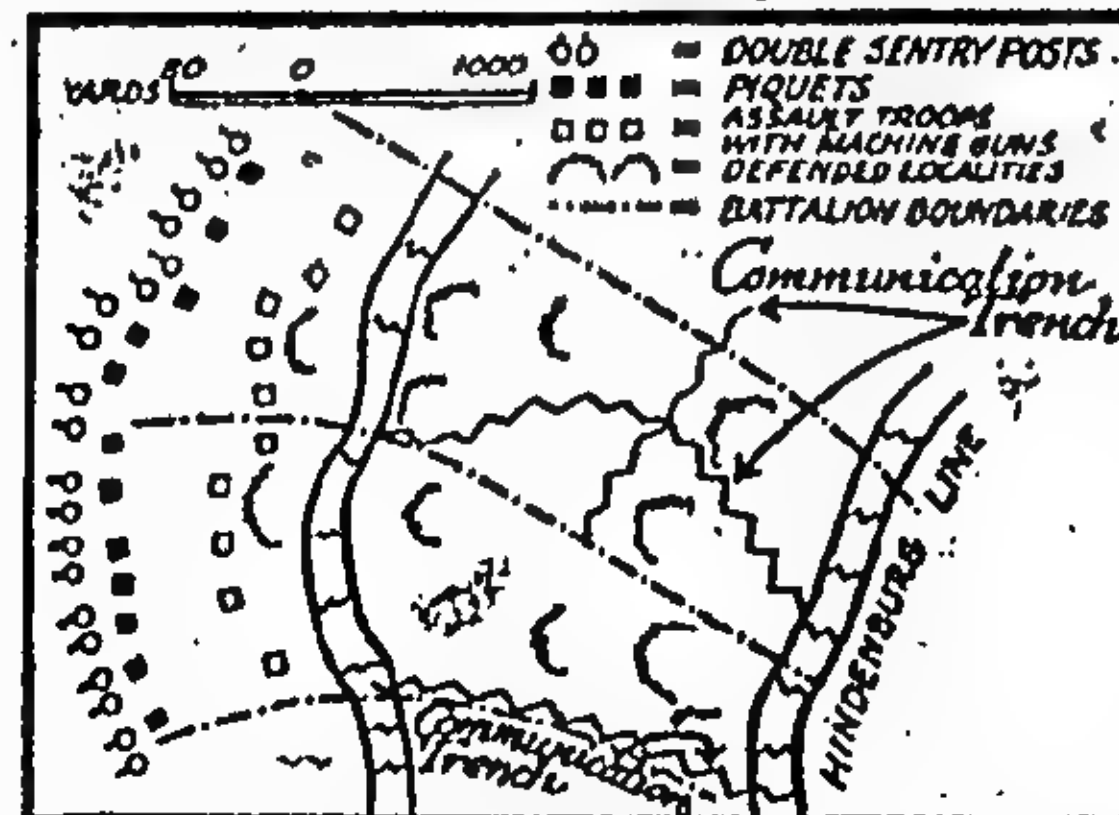
Hindenburg and Ludendorff, fearing the steady increase of munitions from the Allied factories, believed that a new doctrine of defence was essential to their army. Rigid defence, even of a foremost zone, would soon prove too costly.

This change of outlook brought the Hindenburg (or first Siegfried) Line, crystallised in this sketch.

As Captain Wynne observes: "The Hindenburg Position... probably shows the way to the defensive battle of the future."

"The German Army has accepted the legacy of war experience of its predecessors unreservedly, and modernised it. The German General Staff has placed the god of mass-production and technical invention alongside that of 'bravery in battle' in its temple. The result may be seen in the Siegfried Position of 1940."

Summing up, Captain Wynne





## CANADIANS IN NORWAY

Fully Trained For Mountain Warfare

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, Apr. 16, (UP).—It is confirmed here that Canadian troops are in Norway with the Allies.

Many of them originally volunteered to go to Finland and have received intensive training in mountain and snow warfare.

The first Canadian troops arrived early in December and therefore their training has been completed.

Tough Men For Norway

LONDON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—Tough men are needed for the battle for Norway. This has led unofficial but reliable military circles in London to believe reports that among the Allied troops now in Norway are a large number of Canadians who had volunteered for service in Finland and had received special training to that end.

It is pointed out that tough, seasoned men are required for the Norwegian campaign.

Full Winter in North

In the far north mountains it is still full winter. Even around Oslo and the south, the woods are full of melting snow.

Norwegian troops will have the advantage in the campaign, for they are certainly tough and seasoned. Their idea of a pleasant week-end is to go out hunting in the forests and sleep out in the hills and snow.

All Seasoned Troops

LONDON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—It is understood that the B.E.F. in Norway includes regiments from all parts of the British Isles.

All are well-seasoned troops. French troops, too.

LONDON, Apr. 17, (Reuter).—It is officially confirmed that Canadian and French troops are with the British forces in Norway.

The expedition represents largely the force organised for Finland with all special equipment prepared for the weather severities expected in the campaign there.

The expedition, many members of which are volunteers, was rapidly reformed after the German invasion of Norway.

British Landing Army Equipment  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, Apr. 16, (Reuter).—Papers here report that following the landing of the British forces in Norway, British reinforcements with tanks, armoured cars, trucks and other military equipment have continuously been sent to Norway since yesterday morning.

600 Men Recalled

LONDON, Apr. 17, (Reuter).—The Stockholm correspondent of the "Times" reports that 600 German troops occupying Halden have now left the town because they are "needed elsewhere."

## Showrooms Robbed

Unemployed European Sent To Prison

Appearing on remand, Noel Silvio, 21, unemployed, was charged before Mr. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with assisting others in breaking into Gilman & Co.'s Showrooms on March 29.

Silvio pleaded guilty, saying that he had only kept watch while the others stole a number of radios and portable gramophones.

It was stated that at the time of Silvio's arrest, he had in his possession three Philco radios and a portable gramophone.

Defendant had a previous conviction for possession of an instrument fit for an unlawful purpose. A sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed.

## Naval Officer Victimised

Has Clothing Stolen By Chinese

Lt. E. G. N. Bremner of the Royal Navy, was complainant at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when Leung Fook-ki, 30, unemployed, was charged before Mr. Macfadyen with the larceny and unlawful pawn of a quantity of Lt. Bremner's clothing. In connection with the same case, Leung Long, 32, unlicensed marine dealer, was charged with receiving stolen property.

Sgt. J. R. Sykes said defendant was arrested in Battery Street and later admitted stealing the clothing from Lt. Bremner's car which was parked outside the Gas Company's Showrooms in Nathan Road.

Second defendant said he thought the clothing was rather cheap so he took them for 60 cents.

The clothing was valued at £7. First defendant was sentenced to a month's hard labour and the second was fined \$10 or, in default, one month's hard labour.

## French Senate's Secret Session

PARIS, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—After a short adjournment, the Senate went into a secret session to-day on the Army Committee report.

The session will continue to-morrow on the Air and Navy Committee reports, and conclude with a public vote on a motion of confidence.

# EUROPEAN WAR EFFECT ON HOTELS' TRADE

## Working Account Declines By \$113,000: Prospects Brighten

That the drop in working account of some \$113,000 in comparison with that of 1938 was attributable to conditions connected with the outbreak of hostilities in Europe last year was stated by Mr. J. Scott Harston, Chairman, at the annual meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd. which was held at Exchange Building this morning.

The balance of working account amounted to \$960,143.91, and the net profit to \$683,558.16.

Before the meeting started, the Chairman made reference to the late Mr. Edward Osborne, who was a member of the Company's Board of Directors for over 20 years.

Chairman's Tribute

Mr. Scott Harston said: Before commencing the business of this meeting, I desire, as an old colleague of his on the Board of this Company—which was then known as the Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd.—to pay homage to the memory of the late Mr. Edward Osborne, who passed away in the Spring of last year.

Mr. Osborne left Hongkong on retirement to England in March, 1913, after having been resident in this Colony for over 30 years, and a member of this Company's Board of Directors for over 20 years.

In recording—at the half-yearly meeting of the Company held on March 12, 1913—the gratitude of the Board for Mr. Osborne's great services to the Company, Dr. Noble (who was then the Company's Chairman) pointed out that when Mr. Osborne joined the Board, the Hongkong Hotel was at its lowest ebb, as its profit and loss account showed a debit balance of \$10,370.17; it was heavily in debt, and a second mortgage was about to be placed on its furniture—its shares (of the then face value of \$50 each) being quoted on the market at \$15, but (as Dr. Noble stated) the new Board of Directors (of which Mr. Osborne was a member) which came into being at about that time, succeeded, by dint of perseverance and much strenuous work, in placing the Company on a stable footing.

Services Eulogised

Dr. Noble, in the course of his eulogy of Mr. Osborne's services, recorded that he (Mr. Osborne) could always be depended upon when hard work had to be done, and added that through his retirement the Company had lost the services of one who ever gave of his best for its benefit. Dr. Noble further emphasised that by Mr. Osborne's departure the Colony had lost a valued citizen whose place would not be readily filled.

As one who served on the Board—though only for a short time—with Mr. Osborne, but who was well acquainted with him for over a dozen years, I can fully corroborate a good deal of the well deserved praise Dr. Noble bestowed upon him.

Forceful Character

Mr. Osborne was essentially what is known as a forceful character. One had only to take a glance at his features to realise that. He was of the type which has made Great Britain what she stands for to-day. Nothing daunted him, and he was ever calm and resourceful. He always said what he meant, and meant what he said.

He was also a ready and effective speaker, who used plain blunt language, and who was plain blunt language, and who was plain blunt language.

With all his forceful qualities, Mr. Osborne possessed a very kind nature, and though possibly he met with many opponents, I do not think he had any enemies.

After his departure from Hongkong he settled at Hythe in Kent, where he interested himself in Municipal work, and eventually became Mayor of that town, which fact evidenced the esteem in which he was held there.

I will now ask you to rise and stand for a few moments in silence as a tribute to Mr. Osborne's memory.

Chairman's Report

With regard to the Accounts submitted for your consideration to-day, I refer first to the Profit and Loss Account and the main item brought to the credit thereof, namely "Balance of Working Account" \$960,143.91.

This figure, although in the opinion of your Directors by no means unsatisfactory in the light of conditions under which trading was conducted during the period under review, compares unfavourably with the similar item credited at \$1,073,091.13 in the accounts for the previous year.

Drop in Working Account

This drop of some \$113,000 in our Working result for the year 1939 in comparison with that for the year 1938, is in so far as our Hongkong Establishments are concerned, attributable to conditions connected with the outbreak of hostilities in Europe in the early part of September last year.

Prior to August last the revenue derived from transient patronage at our Establishments in the Colony had been fairly well maintained, although, as you are aware, real tourists' traffic had been at a low ebb for a long time due to the disturbed conditions prevailing in China. With the advent of the war in Europe, however, tourist business ceased altogether in Hongkong, and, moreover, a marked

reduction in the volume of shipping here from Europe and other parts of the world immediately followed. The consequent heavy decrease in the number of passenger arrivals in the Colony affected most adversely the volume of business we usually derived from all classes of transient visitors. Nevertheless I am pleased to be able to state that the volume of local support accorded our various restaurants, ball rooms, and cafes in Hongkong reveals an increased preference during the year 1939 on making comparison with results for 1938.

In connection with the Company's activities in North China during the year 1939, the operation of the Palace Hotel for that period affords a very pleasing result. Although that Establishment has constituted a popular rendezvous in Shanghai over a long period, it has during 1939 (stimulated by various improvements made to guest accommodation and to public rooms during the year) achieved results of a record standard. Unfortunately, the further deterioration in the exchange value of Shanghai currency which occurred last year, offset to a material extent the advantage of increased earnings when conversion thereof had to be made to Hongkong currency for merger in the general account.

Astor House Hotel Lease  
With regard to the Astor House Hotel, Shanghai, you will recollect I reported to you at our last annual meeting that the Hotel and its contents had been leased for a term of three years from the first of January, 1939. I am now able to inform you that such tenancy arrangements have worked smoothly up to date, and that very satisfactory results have been achieved during the year 1939 for contribution in the year's working results.

The Hotel in Peking operated by our subsidiary Company continues to show excellent results, and in respect of its last financial year ended on June 30, 1939, furnished a record profit. Here also the severe depreciation of the Chinese National Currency deprived the parent Company of a substantial portion of the benefit in respect of its holding.

The item "Dividend on Investments" shown in the Profit and Loss Account at \$20,884.58 includes \$20,647.00 in respect of the dividend (at the rate of P. \$3 per Share) on the Company's holding in the Grand Hotel des Wagons-Lits, Ltd. as against a dividend amounting to \$18,870.87 from the same source in 1938. Although a welcome increase, as I have already shown, to the depreciation in the Chinese National Currency.

Other Items in the Profit and Loss Account are normal and do not appear to require comment from me with the exception of "bad and doubtful debts written off" in the sum of \$22,323.58—which charge is some \$8,600 in excess of the like provision made in the Accounts for the previous year. Such excess is attributable to the reserve it is deemed prudent to make to cover the outstanding accounts of German patrons, for, although it would appear that the majority of cases the debtors owned assets sufficient to clear the whole of their indebtedness, the liquidators of estates concerned advise that the Custodian of Enemy Property has intimated that a settlement of claims must await the arrangements to be made on the conclusion of hostilities.

\$683,558 Net Profit  
The net profit earned over the financial year 1939 is \$683,558.16—a drop of some \$127,000 when compared with the net result for 1938—and on bringing forward the sum of \$317,500.44 carried over from the 1938 accounts an amount of \$1,001,118.60 is available for appropriation.

Passing to the balance sheet and dealing with the "assets" side thereof, I would refer to the augmentation shown in respect of certain assets. The comparatively small increase to "Buildings" and "Machinery and Plant" form part of improvements made during the year. The material additions to "Furniture and Fixtures" amounting to \$222,873.40 are the result of the general measures taken during the year in continuation of our modernization policy—such expenditure having been taken in connection with all the Establishments in Hongkong, and the Palace Hotel in Shanghai. The items comprising the figure in question are abundant and varied with regard to local Establishments you are doubtless familiar with the many improvements effected. From my previous remarks in connection with the Palace Hotel, Shanghai, you will have gathered that the expenditure there has already borne fruit, but it should be borne in mind that the prevailing war conditions affecting Hongkong have undoubtedly caused postpone-

ment of a fully commensurate return in respect of the Hongkong expenditure.

Stocks of Stores Increased  
"Stocks of Stores" appear at a much higher figure than is customary—an increase of approximately \$130,000 over the amount shown at December 31, 1938—due to a delivery of motor units received just prior to the end of last year by our Garage Department. In view of the uncertainty at present attaching to the delivery of that class of import we consider the purchase a fortunate one, and no difficulty is being experienced in disposal.

Turning to the Liabilities side of the balance sheet, you will note that the conversion of the Shanghai accounts on merger necessitated an appropriation from "Exchange Fluctuation" account of \$48,099.27, owing to the exchange rate, having slumped from 173 to 310 during the course of the year.

The appropriation of \$37,124.54 from the "Repairs and Renewals" account during 1939 is lower than that for the previous accounting period when a sum of \$85,002.49 was absorbed. I would add that such expenditure has been spread over all our Establishments. I trust you will approve the recommendation of your Directors that a transfer be made from the balance of profit and loss account for appropriation to the "Repairs and Renewals" account, in order to restore that account to its previous figure of \$100,000.

The liability to trade creditors at \$394,038.08 is \$87,000 less than the liability under that heading at the end of 1938.

You will observe that at the end of 1939 the Company was in overdraft with the Bank to the extent of \$311,291.23 whereas at the end of the previous year there were funds with the Bank amounting to some \$200,000. This changed position is due to the financing of the dividend declared last year amounting to \$710,320.20, the capital additions, the acquisition of the extra Stocks which I have mentioned, and the reduction in the amount due to sundry Trade Creditors.

First Quarter Improvement  
Although it is difficult to endeavour to forecast future prospects, I can state that during the first quarter of the current year our Hotels in the North have been doing business to full capacity, but as you know, the effect of exchange deterioration has worsened since the turn of last year. Hongkong Establishments during that period have derived from passenger arrivals in the Colony an improved business over that for the last quarter of the year 1939, but I would emphasise that the volume thereof falls far short of the standard to be expected in the first quarter of the year in normal times.

At this juncture I desire to record an expression of sincere appreciation of the good work done by the various members of the staffs of the Company, and of our subsidiary Company, in Hongkong, Shanghai and Peking, including the Company's Agents in the Northern Cities, and especially including Mr. Suckling, our General Manager, who was in charge of the Company's interests during the absence of our Managing Director, Mr. Taggart, last Summer, all of whom have throughout the year devoted themselves assiduously to the interests of the Company in exceptional and difficult circumstances. I feel that in so doing I will receive your hearty endorsement, and I have no doubt that you will ratify your Directors' recommendation by voting a bonus of ten per cent. on their salaries in tangible recognition of their loyal co-operation.

During the year Mr. A. Morse of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation was invited to a seat on the Board and your Directors are much indebted to him for the able quality of his assistance in their deliberations. He has recently been compelled to sever his association with us due to his transfer to a London appointment, and his colleague Mr. D. C. Edmondston has accepted your Board's invitation to the vacant seat. It is my great pleasure to extend welcome to Mr. Edmondston to-day and to express the wish that it will be our good fortune to be able to count upon his competent help over a long term.

There appearing to be no further matters to which I can usefully refer, I now beg formally to propose that the Report and Accounts for the financial year ended on December 31, 1939, as presented be adopted, and that the balance of \$1,001,118.60 standing to the credit of Profit and Loss Account be appropriated as follows:—To pay a dividend of 50 cents per share on 1,103,887 shares \$551,943.50, to transfer to repairs and renewals account \$37,124.54, to payment of bonus to European staff \$31,113.30, to carry forward to new account \$335,947.26.

Following the adoption of the Report and Accounts, the appointment of Mr. A. Morse and Mr. D. C. Edmondston as directors was confirmed by the meeting. Mr. E. M. Raymond was also re-elected as director. Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected auditors, and the payment of a fee of \$3,300 to them for extra services rendered

## FIGHTING SPEECH BY PREMIER

"This Mad Dog Must Be Destroyed"

LONDON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—When speaking to the National Free Church Council here to-day, Mr. Neville Chamberlain said, "Since this latest outrage of those monsters of wickedness in Germany who seem to have shut the gates of mercy upon mankind all my thoughts have been occupied with a view to counter that stroke."

"It is becoming clearer every day that our fight against Nazism is just part of an eternal war between right and wrong."

"Every day that passes gives some new demonstration of Germany's utter disregard of religion, mercy, truth and justice."

Ten Times As Confident  
"If the Germans were to triumph in what they are doing, then every fortress that has been built by civilization upon the principles of Christianity would go down, and the world would relapse into that barbarism which only a little time ago we thought had been buried under centuries of progress."

"They will not go down. Only a short time ago, I declared that I felt ten times as confident as at the beginning of the war of the ultimate victory."

"I repeat that confidence now. Every victim that has felt the weight of Germany's savagery adds millions to those who have already condemned her because every act of hers makes it even more unmistakably clear that no people, however meek and peaceful or however harmless, can be safe until this mad dog is destroyed."

Germany's Miscalculation  
"Germany has made many miscalculations but none greater than this. This war will be won by the spiritual forces of the world as much as by the material power of their brave defenders."

"I appeal to you with confidence to give us your aid to crush the powers of tyranny and wickedness for ever."

## Jebsen & Co. Fined \$200

Failed To File List Of Passengers

A fine of \$200 was imposed on the Manager of Messrs. Jebsen and Company, Pedder Building, by Mr. Sheldon at the Central Magistracy this morning, when the firm was summoned for failing to supply the Police with a list of all the non-Chinese passengers who left the Colony aboard a steamer on March 16, within 48 hours of their departure.

Det. Sgt. J. Hill, of the Special Branch, said the defendant firm were agents for the ship which left Hongkong with 100 foreign passengers, two Americans and one British aboard. When the offence was discovered, the Manager was questioned and said their failure to supply a list was an oversight. The list was finally supplied, on the request of the Police, about two weeks after the ship's departure. The offence, he said, was a grave one, particularly in present times.

Unintentional Offence  
Mr. W. A. Mackinlay, for the defence, pleaded guilty but said the firm's omission was a pure oversight on the part of a clerk, and the offence was completely unintentional.

Sgt. Hill pointed out that the Police depended a great deal on the ship-pling companies supplying them with lists of passengers departing from Hongkong. There were many people who left the Colony without notifying the Police, who were left to imagine, in the absence of such reports, that they were still in the Colony.

Imposing the fine, Mr. Sheldon remarked that the Ordinances now in force must be strictly observed.

## SOVIETS' NAVAL MANOEUVRES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
MOSCOW, Apr. 16 (UP).—The Soviet Black Sea Fleet to-day began manoeuvres designed to repel an enemy attempting to penetrate the Black Sea.

The Russians are using Sebastopol as a base.

## Closer Supervision Of Foreigners

BRUSSELS, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—The Government has decided to tighten measures for the supervision of foreigners.

Foreigners entering the country illegally since the end of March will be expelled, while supervision will be exercised over those whose activities are open to suspicion.

Last year in connection with the registration of transfers of shares in the Company was approved.

Present at the meeting were Mr. J. Scott Harston (Chairman), Mr. E. M. Raymond, Hon. Mr. K. L. Lo, Mr. A. Morse, Mr. L. Kadoorie, (Directors), Mr. J. H. Taggart (Managing Director), Mr. P. H. Suckling (General Manager), Mr. F. C. Barry (Secretary), and Messrs. E. O. Murphy, Wong Man-ching, C. N. Kong, J. P. Sherry, H. Gilling, M. H. Lo, S. H. Rose, Fung Kwok-wah, D. H. Parsons and C. C. Blake.

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LONDON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—The British Mercantile Marine Services Association has opened its membership to Danish, Norwegian and Polish masters and officers serving under the British flag.

LONDON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that at April 1 the official cost-of-living index figure was 78 per cent. above the level of July, 1914 compared with 70 per cent. at March 1.



## Around The Courses

# THE SECRET OF LONG HITTING

## Jimmy Thomson Tells How His Drive Carries Over 280 Yards

(By "Birdie")

**YOUNG AND POWERFULLY BUILT**, with broad shoulders, a fine pair of hands and strong legs, five feet eleven inches in height and weighing 190 pounds—that is Jimmy Thomson—acknowledged by most famous golfers as the longest hitter in the game to-day. On rain soaked turf which has little or no run, he can drive around 280 yards, and with his brassie can smack the little ball to almost the same distance.

He did this quite recently on a 550-yard hole, and was just ten feet off the pin when the ball came to rest. He was asked how he could generate so much power, yet so seldom deviate from the pin. Here's his reply:

"Long hitting comes from club-head speed through the moment of impact. On its way to the ball, the club-head should be gathering speed, reaching its top momentum just as the ball is hit. Most golfers waste their speed before the club-head ever gets to the ball."

"Power is applied too quickly—before the time. They can't wait. They put in their punch at least two feet ahead of the ball. I'd say with 95 golfers out of 100 that the speed of the club-head is dying out at least a foot or eighteen inches before the ball is struck. As a matter of fact, important tests have proved this point. The club-head is losing speed when it should be picking up."

"Every swing must start from the correct balance. You must be balanced on your feet. Balanced—not locked. In the second place, you must have your legs, body and shoulders working with the action of the hands and wrists—not against them. In most cases, the body is working against the hands. The average golfer needs a much higher pivot or turn than he takes. He must let his left side come round much more. In my own case my back is practically set against the line of flight. Left shoulder, left hip, left knee, left ankle, all take the turn together. Don't be afraid to take this turn, you really have to if you want to get any distance."

"Then you must finish your backswing. Once again, most golfers start their downswing before their backswing is finished. They just can't wait. But you must wait. There is no other way. They must all know that the golf ball isn't going to move until they hit it. So why hurry?"

"Take a full left turn, finish your backswing, and don't be in any big hurry to start your downswing. Just try to get the feeling that you don't have to rush the swing or the hitting by a split second. Just wait for it. No one can try to put in the big punch halfway through the downswing, and then have anything left. "Most people cannot use their hands and wrists properly because they have had foot action—no balance. It is because they let the body and shoulders take charge of the swing. You must clear the

way for the hands and wrists. You must first get the body out of the way—and then bring it in back of the swing, not in front of the swing."

"But you must have in mind that the hands and wrists are swinging the club—not the body and shoulders. You must do certain things in order to clear the way for the hands and wrists. One of these is light foot action—not locked foot action. Another is the full left side turn. Get around where you have power and the feeling of power."

"You must leave the left shoulder behind. Don't don't leave the left shoulder, the left hip or the left knee behind. Hands and wrists must be in control—don't tie them up or block them."

"I HAVE seen small men over 60 years of age drive over 220 yards, shot after shot. So it isn't all a matter of physical strength. I have seen Cyril Walker, weighing 115 pounds, win the U.S. Open, and keep up with the big wallowers—some of them 200 pounds."

"Walker had a club-head speed through the moment of impact—I mean increasing speed, not decreasing speed. "Golf, at least tournament golf, is a peculiar game. The mental and psychological side is bigger than any one of us can face. We are playing too much against ourselves, and not our opponents."

FOR one, do not doubt what Thomson says. After all, he's the man that does it—but he must have a very keen, analytical mind to be able so precisely to tell what exactly he does. His teaching of swing is reminiscent of Ernest Jones, except that at both ends of the swing he seems to have exaggerated the motions.

In turning as he does—"with back practically to the line of flight"—and then finishing with the full left shoulder, hip, knee and ankle, it gives one the mental picture of a corkscrew winding and unwinding and then winding again. Thomson, however, does twist himself off his feet at the end of a particularly violent effort. I wonder if that is what he means by "light foot action!"



**SISTER ACT**—Meet the Hill sisters of Hempstead, N. Y., forming unique basketball team. In 84 games they have won 80. From left: Ruth, gym teacher, 22; Helen, secretary, 20; Isabel (Mrs. Joseph Walsh), captain, 25; Marjorie, telephone operator, 18, and Kathleen, student, 16.

## TSUI YUN-PUI EXTENDED

### FULL SCORES OF VOLUNTEERS' RIFLE MEET

**THE HONGKONG Volunteer Defence Corps rifle meeting was held at Kowloon City on Sunday. The weather was far from good as regards visibility and a very strong wind, accompanied by rain, spoiled many scores. Considering the conditions, the general standard was about the same as last year, the scores being rather lower.**

The number of entries was very much larger than in previous years. There was more than double the number of competitors; 51 teams competed in the team competitions and 267 fired for the Cups Championship.

**Results:**  
Corps Championship  
Class I—Capt. Hammond (No. 4) 64; Lt. Hamilton (M.C.) 59; Cpl. Hammond (No. 1) 57; Cpl. Dewar (No. 1) 52; Pte. Miller (M.C.) 50; Lt. Holmes (No. 1) 50; Sgt. Salter (No. 4) 48; Pte. Curtis (No. 2) 48; Cpl. Engle (No. 1) 47; Pte. Wong (No. 1) 47; Pte. Marlin (Stanley Pl.) 47; Cpl. Stone (1st Battery) 46; Lt. Cpl. So (No. 4) 45; Pte. Lomax (M.C.) 45; Sgt. Simpson (1st Battery) 45; Pte. Castro (No. 1) 45; Pte. Antonio (No. 6) 45; Pte. Castro (No. 1) 45; Pte. Bata (No. 1) 45; Pte. Bata (No. 1) 45.

**Musket Competition**  
Class I—Capt. Hammond (No. 1) 57; Lt. Hamilton (M.C.) 57; Sgt. Salter (No. 4) 57; Pte. Curtis (No. 2) 57; Cpl. Engle (No. 1) 57; Pte. Wong (No. 1) 57; Pte. Marlin (Stanley Pl.) 57; Cpl. Stone (1st Battery) 57; Lt. Cpl. So (No. 4) 57; Pte. Lomax (M.C.) 57; Sgt. Simpson (1st Battery) 57; Pte. Castro (No. 1) 57; Pte. Antonio (No. 6) 57; Pte. Castro (No. 1) 57; Pte. Bata (No. 1) 57; Pte. Bata (No. 1) 57.

**Class I—No. 1 Coy. A (Major H. Owen-Hughes, Cpl. Hammond, Cpl. B. B. Holmes, Cpl. Hammond, 1st Coy. A 172; No. 4 Coy. A 171; No. 6 Coy. A 165; Corps H.Q. 168.**  
**Francis Cup**  
Class I—No. 1 Coy. A (Sgt. Balaros, L.C. Xavier, L.C. Balaros, Pte. Ribeiro, 122; Corps H.Q. 121; 2nd Battery B 119; No. 1 Coy. A 117; No. 5 Coy. A 111; No. 6 Coy. A 111; No. 3 Coy. A 108.  
**Class III—No. 6 Coy. A (Pte. Sequiera, Noronha, Antonio, Castro) 100; No. 8 Coy. A 99; No. 4 Coy. A 97.**  
**Falling Plate**  
Class I—L.C. Balaros, C.S.M. Britto, L.C. Balaros, Pte. Castro 14; No. 1 Coy. D 12; Stanley Platoon A 11; No. 2 Coy. D 11; No. 3 Coy. D 10.  
**Revolver Competition—L/Bdr. Tanley (1st Bat.) 63.**

### South Beat Oldham In Cup Re-play

**LONDON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—The following were the results of Scottish Regional football matches and an English League Cup re-play:**

**CUP RE-PLAY**  
Oldham 0, Southport 1 (after extra time)  
**Scottish Western**  
Clyde 3, St. Mirren 1  
Queen's Park 2, Motherwell 2

### Hongkong Electric Bowls Team

The following will represent the Hongkong Electric R.C. in a friendly bowls match against Indian R.C. at Southampton on Saturday at 3.30 p.m.: W. E. Baker, W. F. Macfarlane, H. McKay and A. F. Paul (skip); A. P. Tarbut, R. A. Owens, C. F. Gahan and W. D. Skelton (skip); R. C. Butler, V. Borby, G. O. S. Thomson and G. T. Padgett (skip).

## ROYAL NAVY BEAT SOUTH CHINA "B"

### Goal In First Few Minutes Decides Match

(By "Rex")

Fielding the same team as that which beat the seniors, Navy advanced one step in the League at the expense of South China "B", whom they defeated one goal to nil at Caroline Hill yesterday. They have now to contend with Royal Scots, and, if they should win, are assured of third place in the League.

Like their previous match with South China "A", Navy scored within the first few minutes of the game, which half they dominated, and, in the second, were hard pressed to clear their area. South China "B" were unfortunate, at this time in not levelling the score and going ahead.

Navy's defence was strong throughout. Roughly and Honeywell were a good pair, understanding and covering each other well. Robinson pulled off some spectacular saves which earned the applause of the crowd.

Nichols was the best of the halves, spilling well, but was slightly erratic in his passings. Britt and Honeywell lent good support. They were greatly responsible for breaking up many South China attacks.

Phippens was seen to more advantage than was Bourne, who found Kwok a trying obstacle. Hendy worked exceedingly hard, but could have done much more had he been supported. Le Page was excellent as a defender and worked several good moves. Their work in front of goal was mediocre compared to their performance mid-field.

### MANY RESERVES

Siu Tim-lin was rarely tested, but appeared quite safe. He was well backed up by Hau Yung-sang who played a very good game. His partner, Lau Wai-pui, was not so reliable and allowed Phippens to work his will with him.

The halves were the hardest workers, in especial Kwok Ying-ke. He was very effective in spilling, and was invariably seen downfield. In the second half, when he was doing his utmost to aid his forwards in getting a goal or two, Luk Tung-hung aided in spilling, but his kicking was not as usual. Lam Tak-po was hardly ever seen, appearing very subdued.

The forwards were exceptionally off form, only Lee Shek-yau making the slightest attempt at scoring. Chan Tak-fai appeared too slow, and Hongkong played smart football as usual, dominating the play throughout. The forwards Ching To and N. V. Lee drew circles around the Letran men, who played a rough and hopeless game.

## EASTERN'S THIRD WIN IN MANILA

**MANILA, Apr. 16 (UP).—Eastern** to-day scored their third successive victory, defeating Letran College, Manila's third ranking team, 5-1.

The Hongkong team jumped to an early lead, which they held with a 3-1 advantage until half time. Hongkong played smart football as usual, dominating the play throughout. The forwards Ching To and N. V. Lee drew circles around the Letran men, who played a rough and hopeless game.

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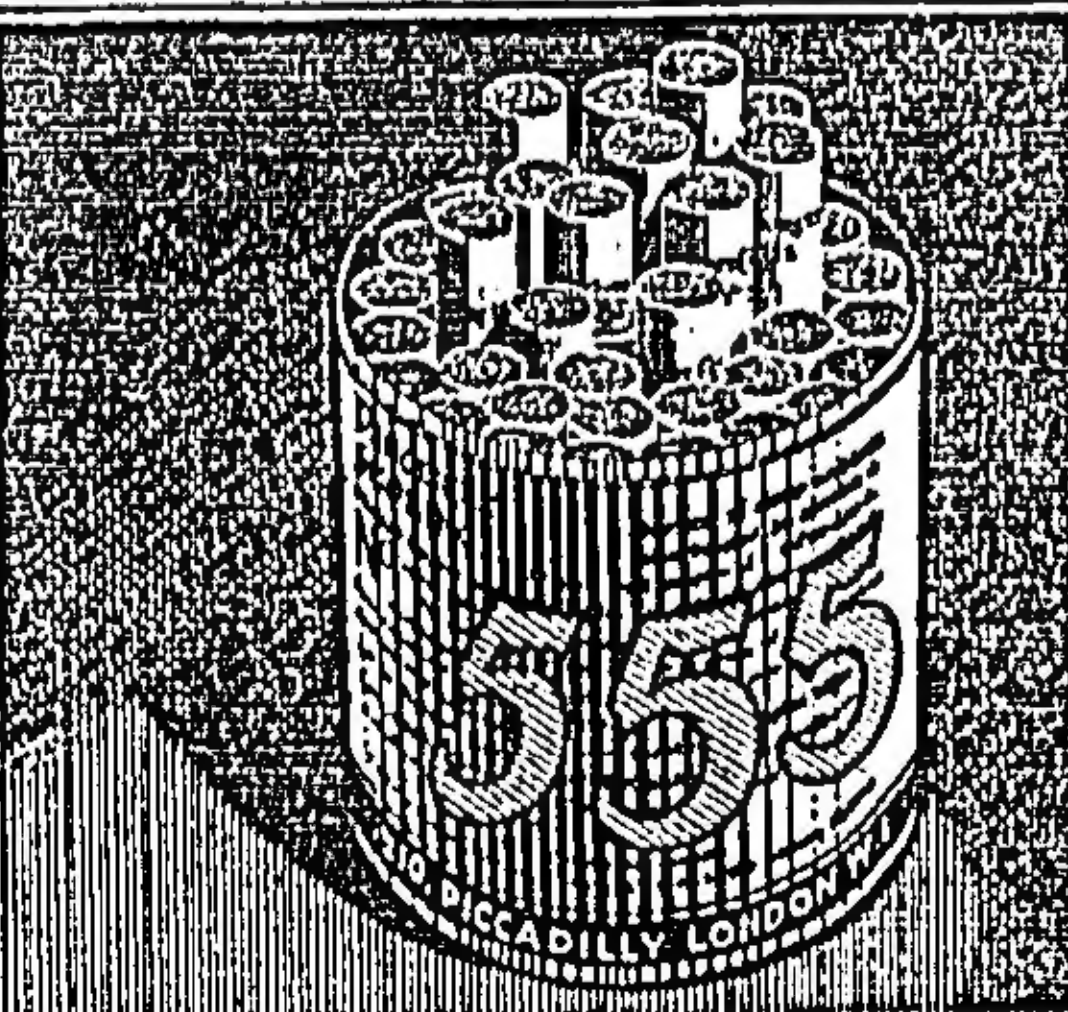
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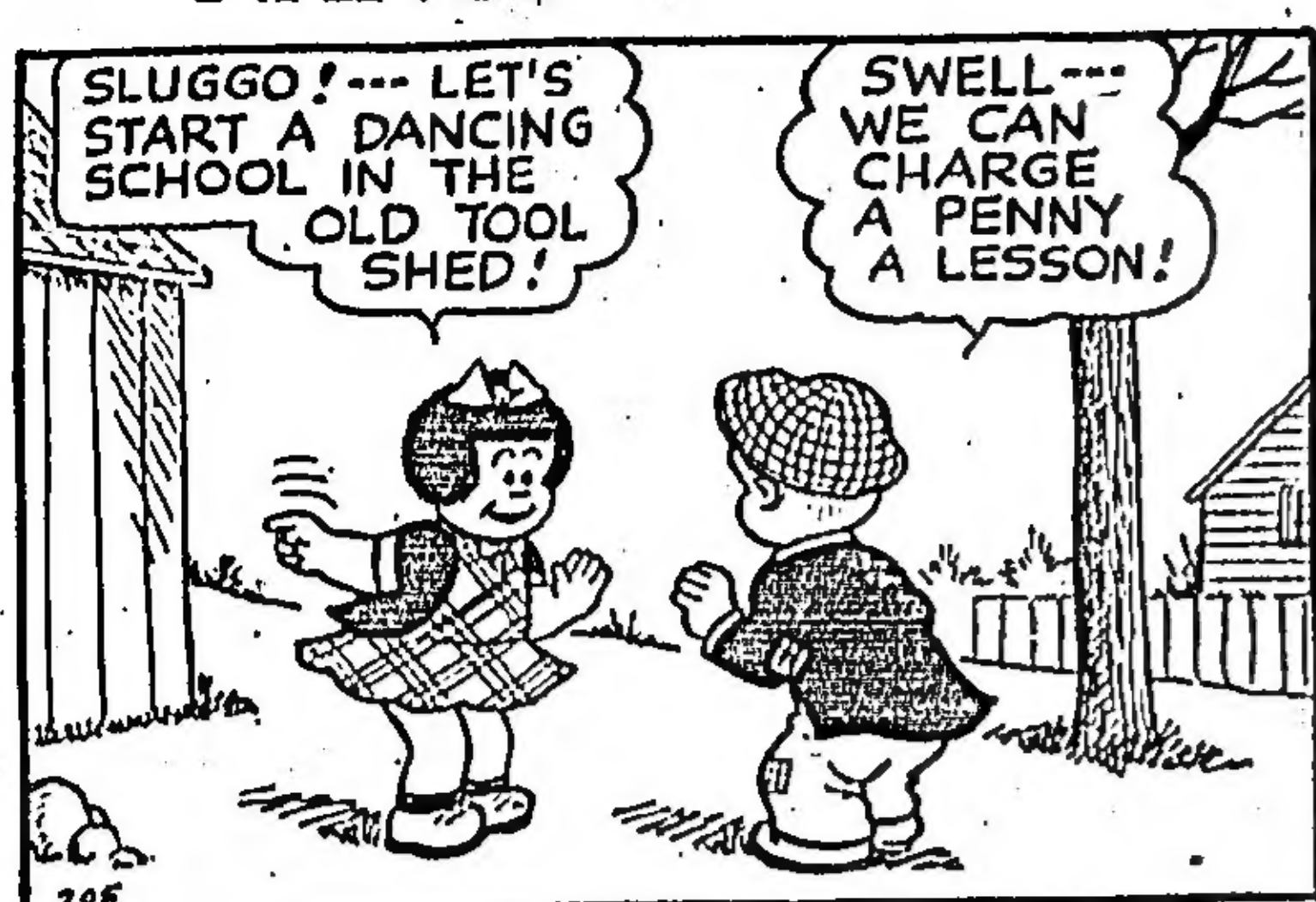
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# NANCY



## BRITISH TROOPS OCCUPY FAROES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Apr. 16 (UP).—A British expeditionary force has landed on the Faroe Islands and the Governor of the Faroes has agreed to grant them facilities to prevent a landing of German forces.

This announcement was made by Mr. R. A. Butler, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons to-day.

Mr. Butler would make no comment on the reported intention to occupy Greenland with Canadian troops.

The Minister for Economic Warfare, Mr. Ronald Cross, said that every possible step was being taken to prevent supplies from Los Angeles reaching Vladivostok if there was evidence that they were intended for Germany.

British Protectorate  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
THORSHAVE, Apr. 16 (UP).—The Faroes have calmly agreed to become British protectorate.

Two British destroyers arrived here last Friday.

Blackouts have been instituted each night.

Greenland Occupation

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
WASHINGTON, Apr. 16 (UP).—The Secretary of State Mr. Cordell Hull, has told the press that he has not discussed with Japan the status of the Dutch East Indies.

He also disclaimed any knowledge of any plans by the United States to protect Greenland or of Canadian troops landing there.

The British Ambassador to Washington states that neither Britain nor Canada plan to occupy Greenland unless Germany attempts to set up bases there. He said he believed Greenland comes under the scope of the Monroe Doctrine.

House Of Commons Statement  
LONDON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated that a British force had landed on the Faroe Islands.

Mr. Butler added: "On April 10, the Governor of the Faroe Islands, in reply to communications from His Majesty's Government, agreed under the present circumstances to grant such facilities as His Majesty's Government might require to prevent German forces establishing themselves in the Faroe Islands. A British force has been landed."

Mr. Butler concluded that he had no statement to make at present about Greenland.

Lord Lothian's Assurances  
WASHINGTON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—The British Ambassador, Lord Lothian, at a Press conference following a conversation he had with State Department officials, stated that neither Britain nor Canada would move into Greenland or Iceland unless it seemed certain that Germany was about to seize them.

Greenland, he said, might make a good air base for Germany, but they could never maintain it. "We could give them a knock-out blow there very easily."

Lord Lothian expressed the belief that Greenland clearly comes within the Monroe Doctrine, being within the Western Hemisphere.

Lord Lothian predicted that the nearest system might be extended to the Pacific in order to prevent supplies from the American Pacific coast reaching Germany via Russia.

Mr. Hull's Statement  
WASHINGTON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—When Mr. Cordell Hull, the U.S. Secretary of State, was asked at a Press conference to-day whether the United States would extend a protectorate over Greenland, he said that he knew of no plan to do so.

He, however, cited the President's recent description of Greenland as a land of the Western Hemisphere, thereby implying that Greenland comes within the scope of the Monroe Doctrine.

Iceland Independent  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
TOKYO, Apr. 16 (Domei).—Denmark has informed Japan, through her Minister to Tokyo, Mr. of Lutz, that Iceland has become an independent nation.

The step was taken in accordance with the decision of the Icelandic Government, which deprived King Christian of Denmark and Iceland of his sovereignty as a result of the German occupation of Denmark.

## DELUDING PUBLIC

Nazis Kept Ignorant Of Narvik's Loss

LONDON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—The German public are still being told that the Allies have not landed in Norway and that Narvik is still in German hands although the German propaganda squad is careful to hint that something is afoot.

Official statements maintain that the situation of the Germans in the far north is unchanged but they go on to say that the Allied ships are standing ready for an attempted landing.

Preparing Way For Bad News  
By delicate steps the Nazis are preparing the way for the bad news.

Meanwhile it is stressed that the German Navy is meeting with difficulties in an attempt to prove that Narvik is useless anyway.

This, of course, is far from the case for whoever holds Narvik holds both the inward and outward routes to the iron ore mines.

The capture of Narvik has been confirmed by a special Norwegian broadcast from the B.B.C. which reveals that matters of detail have already been arranged between the Allies and the Norwegians.

For instance the Norwegians have accepted British and French coinage while prices have been fixed for billeting rates at the British level.

More Steps For Reichlanders  
LONDON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—The German Press has been encouraging its readers by talking about the military and air bases Germany will have in Norway from which to bomb Britain.

Actually Stavanger is the only properly-equipped military field. Military observers point out that it is futile to threaten air raids from a base which is continually under attack.

It is, of course, quite likely that the Germans are seeking new bases in Norway, but it is also quite likely that the Allied Expeditionary Force has its plans well laid. The Allied bases in Norway may well become important and strategic factors in the war.

## Scandinavia's Gold Stocks

Sir John Simon Says Fate Unknown

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, April 16 (UP).—The British Government has no knowledge of the fate of the gold stocks held by Denmark and Norway at the time of the German invasion.

This announcement was made in the House of Commons to-day by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon, in reply to questions.

The reply apparently disposes of reports that the Bank of England assisted both Denmark and Norway to rush their gold by airplane to London just prior to the invasion.

Denmark's gold stocks totalled about £13,000,000, while Norway had between £10,000,000 and £20,000,000.

It was reported last week that the Norwegian Government had succeeded in removing its gold stocks to a place of safety.

Big Gold Holdings  
LONDON, Apr. 16 (British Wire).—The Chancellor of the Exchequer stated in the House of Commons to-day that according to the latest returns, the gold holdings of the National Bank of Denmark and Norway amounted to £13,000,000 and £18,000,000 or £19,000,000 respectively.

Sir John Simon was unable to say whether the Germans had seized any part of these holdings or what part was being held outside their own countries at the time of the invasion.

## Norwegian Rural Party's Appeal

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
STOCKHOLM, April 16 (UP).—The Agrarian Party has published an appeal to the Norwegian rural party, appealing to all Norwegians to support the Government.

## ACTION ON HAINAN FRONT



THIS photograph of Japanese troops in action was taken in a wrecked town on Hainan Island, where the invaders are still opposed by a considerable force of Chinese regulars and guerrillas.—Domei.

## BATTLE OF WITS IN SHANGHAI CONTINUES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, April 16, (UP).—The battle of wits for the mastery of the Shanghai Municipal Council entered another round this morning, when it was discovered that an old rule is still legally existent whereby rate-payers may demand a general poll instead of a "show of hands" at the annual meeting of the ratepayers.

This discovery has greatly heartened the "Anglo-Saxon Bloc," which feared that the Japanese by sheer weight of numbers, would be able to swamp the meeting.

Previously, annual meetings of rate-payers have been conducted on the principle of "show of hands," with each individual obtaining a single vote.

Rate-payers, if discontented with this arrangement, may call for a poll, whereupon each person is entitled to the number of votes his taxes permit. This type of voting resulted in an Occidental victory at the recent Municipal elections, and it is now generally believed that the Japanese efforts to defeat important measures at the forthcoming general meeting will prove unsuccessful.

SHANGHAI, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—Thousands of British, American, Japanese and minority nationalities in the Settlement are expected to turn out for the annual Municipal Council Ratepayers' meeting this afternoon at the Race Club, at which the Japanese are expected vigorously to oppose the Municipal Budget, providing a 50 per cent. tax increase.

If the Japanese succeed in stopping the passage of the Budget measure, the Municipal Council will be faced with the task of revising the Budget and will have to seek other means besides taxation, to defray expenses for the year.

However, an easy passage of all the resolutions is forecast in official circles of the Municipal Council.

The Japanese Residents' Association met last night to plan opposition to the Budget and the tax increase measures.

Council officials are confident that the Japanese opposition will be overcome because a large turn-out of British and American voters is assured as at last week's election of the Council members.

If the Budget resolution is defeated by Japanese voters, it is probable that confusion in the Municipal Government would result. Only by Government measure can the Council pass funds to pay the Police, firemen and other public services.

If the resolution is defeated, it is believed that no bank would advance a loan to keep the Municipality running another year unless assurances are forthcoming from a foreign Power.

Between 6,000 and 8,000 are expected to attend to-day's meeting.

## AIR FIGHT OVER BELGIAN TOWN

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
BRUSSELS, Apr. 16 (UP).—A Belgian soldier is reported to have been wounded by a machine-gun bullet from a foreign plane when he brought into action to-day during a dog-fight between German and Allied planes over Huyin.

It is officially announced that two people were injured and one was killed when a French plane crashed in flames after a fight with superior numbers of German machines over German territory.

## PRESS COMMENT

### DANGER OF THE ENEMY WITHIN

LONDON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—One feature of the German invasion of Norway which has attracted special attention is the use of Norwegian Nazis within the country.

"The Times" heads an article with "Quislings Everywhere" and goes on to explain this by saying that there are Quislings in every country of Europe who have been primed beforehand to prepare for Nazi invasion.

The "Glasgow Herald" says that Russian Bolshevism first developed this system which the Nazis have now developed.

Powerful Antidote  
Both "The Times" and other papers see the Allied military action as a powerful antidote for fear among the neutrals of the Nazi threats.

"The Times" also comments that Russia has done Germany a bad turn over this because the Allies could not have sent a trained expeditionary force so quickly if one had not been prepared for Finland some months ago.

The "Daily Telegraph" points out that only last week the Nazi Foreign Minister, Joachim von Ribbentrop, had said that the German forces would see to it that no Briton or Frenchman showed his nose in Denmark for the rest of the war.

How foolish that boast reads to-day. The "Daily Mail" says that Ribbentrop is accustomed to swallowing his own words but until now he has not had to swallow them so quickly.

Threat To Balkans  
Commenting on the sudden influx of German tourists into the Balkans, "The Times" says that it is a gross violation of international good manners under which these men were given diplomatic passports or papers stating that they were attached to official missions.

In Yugoslavia a number of arrests have been made of people suspected of being connected with the Gestapo.

"The Times" comments that the Yugoslav police seem to be as alert as the police of Turkey where the paid agents of the Reich have taken on the guise of harmless businessmen.

"German troops, pushing inland from Narvik, have reached the Swedish border," says the DNB report.

"Norwegian troops were driven across the frontier," DNB does not mention that the Germans themselves are close pressed and, unless speedy help arrives, will have no option but to cross the frontier and be interned by Sweden.

## BRAVE WORDS BY BELGIUM

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
BRUSSELS, Apr. 16 (UP).—Speaking in the Senate to-day, Foreign Minister Spaak reiterated Belgium's neutrality. "We cannot accept any suggestion entailing the abandonment of the route which the Government has chosen," he declared.

He said that Belgium wants peace chiefly so that she will not become Europe's battlefield.

He said, "The destiny of Belgium then would be more tragic than for any of the belligerents. We follow with emotion Norway's efforts, since she had been pacific and loyally neutral."

To Fight On One Condition  
BRUSSELS, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—Enthusiastic cheers were accorded M. Paul Spaak, the Foreign Minister, in a speech in the Senate in which he emphasised that Belgium would defend herself if attacked.

"One condition on which we should go to war would be to save our independence," he declared.

If Belgium were dragged into war, she would undergo hardships more tragic than those of any other belligerent nation. He pledged to do his utmost to spare Belgium that misfortune, which she did not deserve.

Nazis Interned  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
BRUSSELS, Apr. 16 (Domei).—It is understood that the Belgian Government is establishing an asylum for political offenders at Ruysselede, in western Flanders.

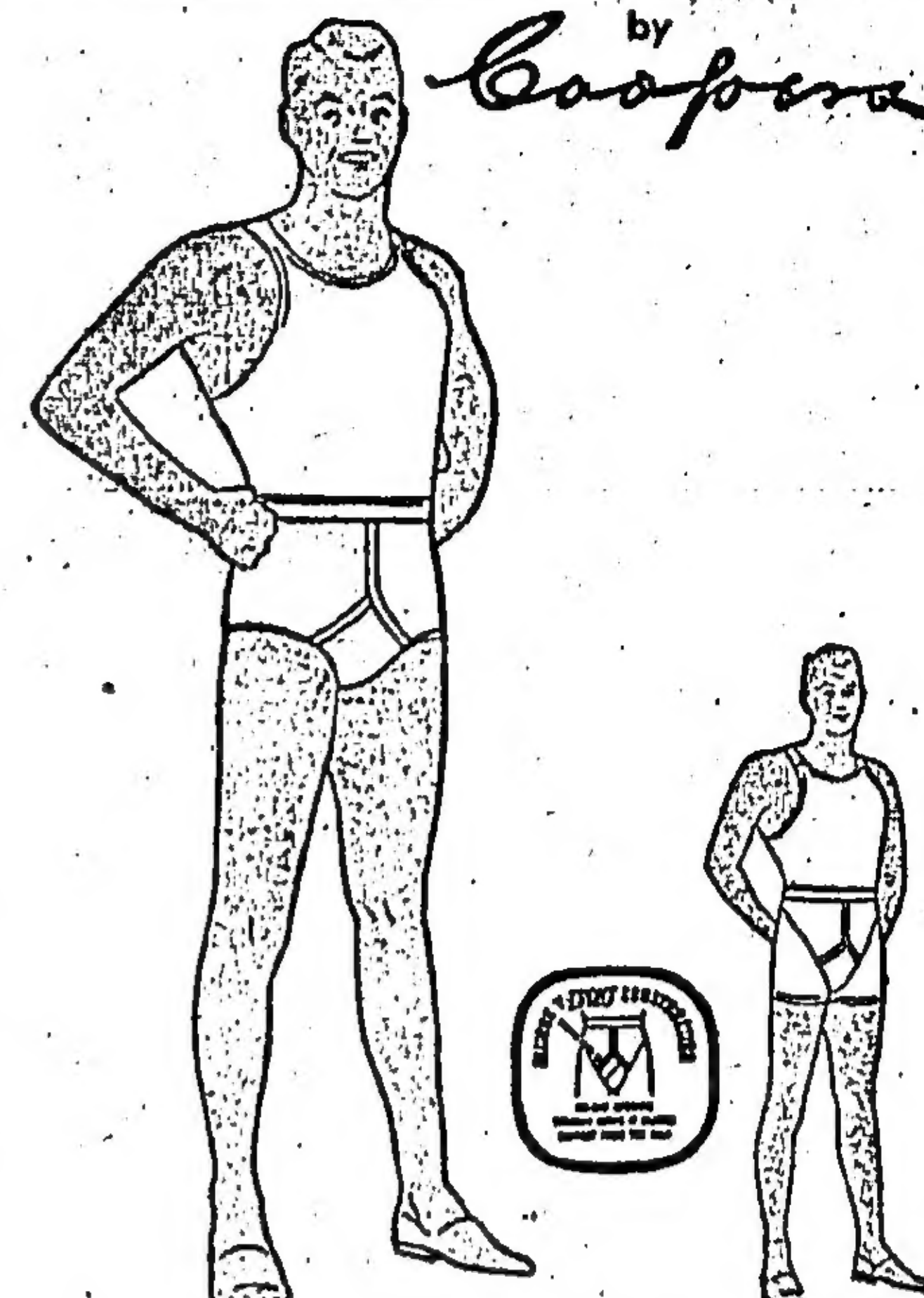
LONDON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—Mr. Neville Chamberlain is not now expected to make a statement on the progress of the war before Thursday.

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| DA886     | I'll always be true.                             | John McCormack.               |
| DA691     | For you alone.                                   | Lawrence Tibbett.             |
| DA990     | My moonlight Madonna.                            | Alfred Cortot. Piano.         |
| DA996     | Love's roses.                                    | Richard Crooks.               |
| DA1488    | Drink to me only with thine eyes.                | Rachmaninoff. Piano.          |
|           | Believe me, if all those endearing young charms. | Cigili.                       |
|           | Cradle song. (Strauss)                           |                               |
|           | Etude in A flat major. (Chopin).                 |                               |
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## NAZI BOMBER IS FORCED DOWN

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
AMSTERDAM, April 16 (UP).—Radio-Stockholm announces that a German bomber made a forced landing to-day in Grum Fjord near Charlottenburg.

The crew has been interned.

## More Communists Rounded Up

PARIS, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—A fresh Police round-up of Communists has resulted in the arrest of 58 men and women in Paris, Rouen, Houlon and Orleans.

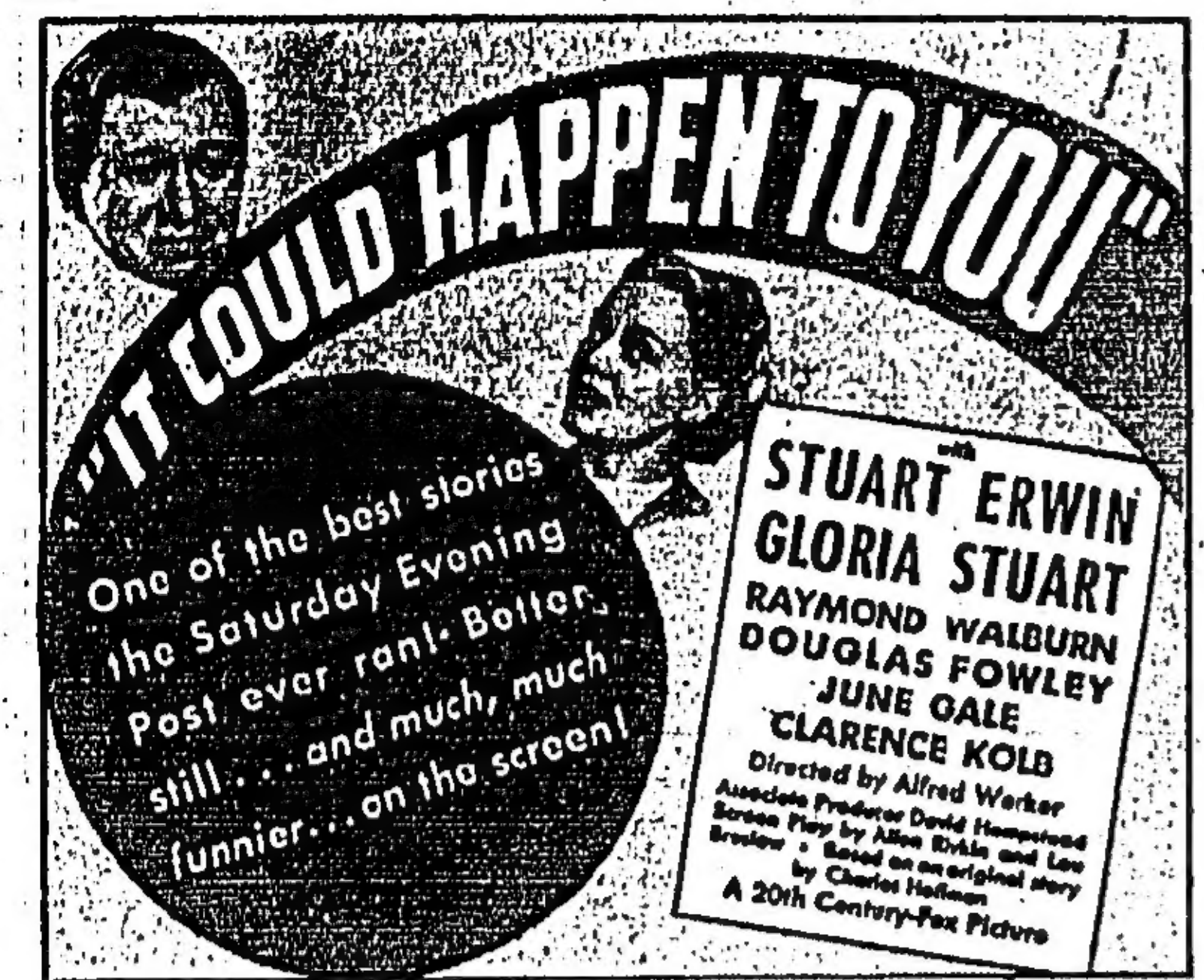
Large printing presses were seized. Fifteen men and 13 women were surprised at a secret meeting in Paris.



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## BOY WAS EVACUATED TO HIS HOME

By MARY WELSH OXFORD.

A MANCHESTER schoolboy who travelled to school by train from outside the city, arrived one morning to be evacuated. None of the boys knew where they were going. They formed up, marched into a train.

The train left Manchester. Next stop was the evacuation centre. When the schoolboy put his head out of the window as the train stopped he was astonished to find he was back in his home town.

The boys lined up again, marched off to their billets.

The line stopped. In the street where the boy lived. He was allotted a billet in that street.

He told the billeting officer, who arranged for him to go home.

This story was told at the Oxford conference to-day of the Incorporated Association of Assistant Masters in Secondary Schools.

Schoolmasters at the conference denounced the Government, denounced evacuation, and protested against overwork and under pay for three hours to-day.

### 43 In One House

Mr. R. P. Truett, of Manchester, evacuated to Blackpool, jumped up from a front row chair, shouted: "I object to the Government's regulation of evacuation. They've proved they can't do it."

"They found unsuitable schools. They ill-selected billeting officers, who made their own regulations to cover up their ignorance as to proper ones."

One of the teachers, who told a grand piano around France on an Army limber in the last war, was evacuated with his school to Blackpool when this one began. He said to me:

"They sent us to professional landladies. One woman, in an average-sized house, took forty-three boys, expected them to sleep three in a bed. In another house I found eight boys sharing one bedroom."

"My wife and I and thirteen boys were bugged into one house. It's the first time in my life I've got out of bed at night to sit in a chair to rest. The beds were terrible."

## BILLET WIFE WORRIES LAW

WHEN an evacuated wife summoned her husband at Chertsey, Surrey, for alleged failure to maintain her, the chairman of the Matrimonial Court, Mr. H. Weller, remarked:

"A wife usually has to live with her husband, but the evacuation scheme seems to have knocked ordinary law on the head and we do not know where we are."

The wife was Janet Beers, of Pyrcroft-road, Chertsey. Her husband, Archibald Beers, of St. Dunstan's-road, Fulham, S.W., did not attend. His two homes

Mrs. Beers' case was that she had been evacuated to Chertsey since September and had previously lived at Greyhound-road, Fulham. They had two children.

Her husband, a general labourer, paid her £1 in September. She had been on relief since.

When she wrote to him for money her husband replied that he could not keep two homes going. They were not happy together when they were at home.

The case was adjourned.

## LATE NEWS

### STEAMBOAT CO. LOSES \$173,985

Annual Report of Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co. Ltd., discloses loss for year 1939 of \$173,985.04. The amount has been transferred to Profit and Loss Account bringing the credit of that account to \$31,739.59.

The ordinary annual meeting of Shareholders will be held at the office of the Company on April 25.

Profit and Loss Account discloses that Loss on Working totalled \$64,294, and repairs to ships and wharves absorbed \$79,774. Depreciation totalling \$23,197 was written off steamers, the Company's fleet being valued on December 31 at \$762,333.

## FRENCH PREMIER CONFIRMS NAZI NAVY SMASHED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Apr. 16 (UP).—"The Allies have won a smashing victory in Norway and have really mutilated the German Fleet," the French Premier announced in the Senate to-day.

He added that the Allied seizure of Narvik was "an immense moral and personal defeat for Hitler."

"In the past week Germany has lost 30 per cent. of her ships of the line and has had damaged 20 per cent. of her cruiser strength," M. Reynaud declared.

"Also 25 per cent. of her destroyers have been sunk and 15 per cent. of her destroyers are damaged. In addition she has lost 78,000 tons of merchant shipping, either sunk, scuttled or captured."

### HITLER'S GREAT MISTAKE

"As a result of the occupation of Narvik, the German's iron ore route has been cut."

"Hitler was mistaken when he believed that a small neutral power would not resist. He took the King of Norway to be another Hacha."

The Senate held a 20 minute secret session before they adjourned.

### Irreparable Mutilation

PARIS, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—"After eight days of fighting, the first result is a massive, irreparable mutilation of the German fleet," declared M. Paul Reynaud, the French Premier, speaking to-day in the Senate.

"Its losses amount to 30 per cent. of its heavy tonnage damaged, 20 per cent. of its cruisers sunk, 25 per cent. of its destroyers sunk and 15 per cent. of its destroyers damaged without counting several U-boats sunk."

The second result is that 78,000 tons of German merchant shipping was sunk or captured during the same period."

M. Reynaud added that the loss of Allied merchant shipping in the same period was nil.

"The third result," he went on, "is that the iron ore route to Germany has been cut."

Enormous Setback

"The fourth is the enormous setback for Germany and a defeat not only for her navy but also for her propaganda."

After a moving reference to King Haakon who, M. Reynaud declared, refused to be another Professor Hacha (of Czechoslovakia), M. Reynaud said that Allied troops had disembarked and added that "more troops were on the way."

Following M. Reynaud's speech, the Senate adjourned after agreeing to go into secret session only on the reports by the Army, Navy and Air Force Committee.

The secret session on general policy was postponed.

German Version

BERLIN, Apr. 16 (UP).—"Narvik was and still is in German hands," says the German High Command's official communique to-day.

"Possibly British troops have landed at Harstad which is north of Narvik but this has not endangered the German troops at Narvik."

On Monday afternoon British destroyers opened an aimless fire on Narvik harbour but, owing to strong German defences, the British made no attempt to land in or near Narvik harbour," the communique asserts.

Caught After 16 Years

Prison For Police Deserter

Two offences that were alleged to have been committed 16 years ago, were recalled at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning, when an ex-constable, Leung Sun, 37, was charged before Mr. Himsforth with larceny of an army coat and a raincoat, assaulting Wu Ping-yung on October 25, 1924, and deserting the Hongkong Police Force on November 24, 1924.

The assault charge was withdrawn as the complainant could not be located. Defendant admitted the other two charges.

It was stated that on April 13, about 7 a.m., defendant was seen pawing the coats at a pawnshop in Des Voeux Road Central. He was arrested and taken to the Central Police Station where he admitted the charges. Defendant was said to have joined the Police Force in 1923, and deserted a year later.

Defendant was sentenced to a total of three months' hard labour.

## NAZIS BUILD MORE BATTLESHIPS

WASHINGTON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—Germany completed two new battleships recently and is building four more, according to a Navy Department statement to the Senate Naval Committee, which contends that the battleship remains the backbone of the fleet.

The naval authorities further opined that Germany's preponderance of air power had not seriously affected Britain's control of the world sea lanes.

Admiral Harold Stark, Chief of

## U.S. HAVE THE BEST PLANES

What Nazi Pilots Are Up Against

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Apr. 16 (UP).—"American planes supplied to the Allies are out-fighting the finest machines in the German Air Force," said Admiral Harold Stark, Chief of the U.S. Naval Operations Board, during his testimony before the Senate Naval Affairs Committee to-day.

This fact has been established even though the Allies so far have used only standard models of U.S. war-planes.

Four new models have just been released for purchase by the Allies, who are reported to have already ordered 5,000 machines. These four models are said to be the speediest planes in the world, each capable of over 400 m.p.h., as compared with the Messerschmitt 110's 385 m.p.h. and the Spitfire's 375 m.p.h.

"American bomb sights are superior to anything any foreign air force possesses," Admiral Stark added.

He told the Committee that, despite the power and destructive force of modern bombers and bombs events in Europe had disclosed that the battleship was still the backbone of defence.

"A heavy bomb is certainly less potent than a heavy shell," he declared.

Bad Week For Nazi Shipping

Allies Claim 50,486 Tons Sunk

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Apr. 16 (UP).—The weekly bulletin of merchant shipping losses issued by the Admiralty yesterday lists eleven German ships of a total of 50,486 tons sunk during the week ending April 14.

Seven of these ships were torpedoed by British submarines. The total German shipping sunk or scuttled since the beginning of the war is now 363,390 tons.

No British Losses

It is believed that an additional 18,000 tons of German shipping were sunk by British submarines and other vessels in Norwegian ports.

On the other hand, Britain did not lose a single merchant ship—the first week without loss since the war began.

Four neutral ships and one Norwegian vessel, totalling 19,455 tons, were lost.

The bulletin for the first time lists Norwegian ships under the heading of Allied losses.

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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

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